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# Manipur crisis drags on as BJP weighs its options

Centre will wait a few more days before deciding on President's Rule; Governor did not summon the House even though the 6-month period within which an Assembly should meet ends today

Vijaita Singh
Rahul Karmakar
NEW DELHI/GUWAHATI

The Manipur administration remained in a state of uncertainty on Tuesday evening as the Union government waited for an alternative leadership to emerge within the State's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), two days after N. Biren Singh stepped down as Chief Minister.

The Manipur Assembly's last session was on August 12, 2024, meaning that the six-month period within which an Assembly shall meet lapses on Wednesday. However, the Centre will wait a few more days before any formal decision is taken regarding the imposition of President's Rule, a government official told *The Hindu*.

**Leadership struggle**

BJP appears to be facing internal divisions over N. Biren Singh's successor

- No consensus has been reached on selecting Biren Singh's successor, as Sambit Patra held closed-door meetings with Imphal-based NDA legislators for the second consecutive day
- Patra's separate meetings — first with Biren Singh and later with the Governor, accompanied by State BJP chief A. Sharda Devi and some legislators — suggest a divide within the party ranks
- The Congress said that the constitutional mandate to hold consecutive Assembly sessions within a six-month gap is breached

According to Article 174 (1) of the Constitution, "six months shall not intervene" between the last sitting of the Assembly in one session and the date appointed for its first sitting in the next session. No notification summoning the Assembly was issued by Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Tuesday.

However, the official noted that the provision does not explicitly state that the Assembly must be dissolved in case the six-month period has lapsed. According to a 2002 Supreme Court judgment in the *Bharatbhai Bhagwanjibhai vs State of Gujarat* case, "Merely because the time schedule fixed under Article 174 cannot be adhered to, that per se cannot be a ground for bringing into operation Article 356 (President's Rule)."

### No party stakes claim

After Mr. Singh resigned on February 9, none of the parties in the State – neither the ruling BJP nor the Opposition – had staked their claim to form the government till late on Tuesday night. Another government official said that the next step would be the Governor submitting a report to the President of India on the constitutional crisis.

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# History shows technology won't take away work: PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

**Tech talk:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at a plenary session of the AI Action Summit in Paris on Tuesday. AFP

Governance frameworks for artificial intelligence are "not just about managing risks and rivalries", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the AI Action Summit in Paris on Tuesday, calling for a collective approach to set standards for AI that benefit everyone, especially the Global South. India is co-chairing the summit with France this year.

Mr. Modi acknowledged the fear of widespread job losses from AI, but asserted that "history has shown that work does not disappear due to technology. New types of jobs are created". Reskilling workforce was important to prepare it for the changes AI would bring about, he said.

### 'Global efforts needed'

"There is ... a deep interdependence across borders" when it comes to AI, Mr. Modi said. "Therefore there is a need for collective global efforts to establish governance and standards that uphold our shared values, address risks, and build trust. Governance is also about ensuring access to all, especially in the Global South. It is where the capabilities are most lacking, be it compute, power talent, data, or financial resources."

Mr. Modi called for pooling together of resources and talent, and developing open source systems for improving trust in AI systems.

"We must build quality datasets, free from biases," he said, referring to the data on which AI models are trained. "We must democratise technology and create people-centric applications."

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# For a domestic cricketer, nothing can beat winning the Ranji Trophy

It tests the true character of a person and cricketer; whenever you hear the legends speak, they rate First Class cricket so highly because of that

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INTERVIEW

**SHELDON JACKSON**

Vivek Krishnan
RAJKOT

As Saurashtra bowed out of the Ranji Trophy with a quarterfinal loss to Gujarat at the Niranjan Shah Stadium on Tuesday, it was also the end of the road for Sheldon Jackson after a successful career in domestic cricket. The 38-year-old had his mother, wife and two kids watching from the stands when the fourth day's play was on, and then joining him on the outfield at the conclusion to savour the emotional occasion.

The middle-order batter has hung up his boots after scoring 7283 runs in 106 First Class matches at an average of 45.80, including 21 centuries and 39 fifties. He had announced his retirement from the white-ball game in January. He was an integral part of Saurashtra winning the Ranji Trophy twice, in 2019-20 and 2022-23. He also won the Vijay Hazare Trophy – the domestic 50-over tournament – twice, once as a rookie in 2007-08 and then as a senior pro in the 2022-23 season. In the 2019-20 Ranji triumph, he was Saurashtra's leading run-getter. When the team won the Vijay Hazare title a second time, he scored an unbeaten ton in the final.

In an interview with *The Hindu* at the team hotel after the game, he opened up about the decision, his illustrious achievements with Saurashtra, and how he dealt with the disappointment of never getting a chance for India. Excerpts:

**When did you decide about retirement? What made you take the call?**

I made up my mind about retiring before the season began. It is never an easy call to stop something that has been a major part of your life. Before the preparation camp for the season started, I went into Jaydev Shah's (Saurashtra Cricket Association president) office and told him that this was going to be my last season no matter how far we progressed. I knew I had crossed my prime, in terms of both age and performance. I wasn't going to get picked in Duleep Trophy or Irani Cup squads any longer. For three years, I was not even filling the forms for the IPL player auction. So, that was also out of the picture. My motivation was to complete 100 First Class matches. I was on 98 before the season. So that's the thing that motivated me. It is always difficult to leave the sport that you have played for so long. But at the age of 38, even if I get 800 or 900 runs, it is not going to help anybody. You are stopping the progress of the team. If I have gone today, the team can find one youngster. Tomorrow if all the other seniors go together, you cannot fill 3-4 spots at the same time.

**You have won titles and scored many runs for Saurashtra. What would you consider your proudest achievement?**

Saurashtra has won four titles. From this present group, (Cheteshwar) Pujara and I have been part of all four in some capacity or the other. It is really difficult to pick one particular moment or innings.

But if I had to pick two or three, I would definitely pick the hundreds I got in the semifinals against Karnataka in Bengaluru (2018-19 and 2022-23), and the hundred in the Vijay Hazare final against Maharashtra (2022-23). I always believe it is the runs you get in those matches and situations that define you as a sportsperson. For those innings, you will always be remembered. Even today, when somebody speaks to me, it is those hundreds that they talk about a lot. You understand the importance from that.

**Is winning the Ranji Trophy the ultimate achievement for a domestic player?**

Yes, definitely. You ultimately play to win. Why do we always talk about the great Mumbai players? Because of the number of Ranji titles they have won. So, for a domestic cricketer, nothing can beat winning the Ranji Trophy. Sometimes, one bad session in a five-day game and we are out. We started our camp in June-July and we are now in February. Around 7-8 months of hard work can come to nothing and we aren't progressing further in the Ranji Trophy this season because of two bad hours. So there is a lot of hard work, mentally, physically and everything. It tests the true character of a person and cricketer. Whenever you hear all the legends speak, they rate First Class cricket so highly because of that.

FILE PHOTO: SUDHAKARA JAIN

**You were a bit teary-eyed at the end while posing for photos with your teammates. What are you feeling right now?**

Of course, I am never going to be playing again with this bunch of boys. This bunch, around 8-9 of us, has achieved so many great things together. We have won many trophies together. I am not going to be playing competitive cricket of this quality again in my life. So, all those memories started coming back...the first time I walked onto this field. It does make you emotional.

**There seems to be a sense that Saurashtra has to undergo a transition phase after a successful period. Your thoughts...**

If I have to be honest, I am against the transition phase. You don't build a team for the future, you build a team for the present. When you sit down for team selection for the Ranji Trophy, you have to pick players who will win you those 3-4 matches, not 20 matches after that. Transition will take place only when someone from below is able enough to take your place or outscoring you in almost every game. That is how it used to be and that is how we have been brought up. Nobody gifted us a chance because someone is on the wrong side of 30s. I had to wait for six years on the bench without playing a match before I could make my First Class debut for Saurashtra.

You should have a vision of winning the title this year. That could be a 40-year-old or an 18-year-old helping you win the trophy. Do what you want to do in white-ball cricket, but red-ball cricket needs a lot of character and skill.

**You were part of India-A squads. You played in the Duleep Trophy and Irani Cup. Any regrets about not playing for India? And what advice would you give to domestic players who are not getting a chance at the highest level despite putting in performances?**

My only advice to any domestic player is to just keep doing what you are doing. We think very often that our runs are not noticed. But everything in our system is noticed. Because of social media and the internet, every score is highlighted a lot more now too. But I tell youngsters that it is not only about the runs you score. It is about the runs you score that create an impact on the situation of the match. Those runs will always be noticed. If you can do that year in, year out, there are beautiful examples of those who come from the domestic system and have made it to the Indian team. Sarfaraz Khan, Abhimanyu Easwaran are there right. Whether they get a game or don't get a game is a different thing altogether. That depends on the management and many factors. But at least, they have got picked. And they have got picked because they have scored so many runs in domestic cricket.

Even I felt at one stage that I deserved to get picked because I was scoring many runs. But if you see in the end, how will you be picked if there is no spot available? You will have to wait for your turn.

In my case, when I started doing well, I was around 29-30. I was human. I wanted to get picked for India. But if it didn't happen, it didn't happen. It took me till I was 33 or 34 to come to peace with it. Till then, I felt I could have played for India. That is when I understood that I should stop expecting or hoping. Maybe if I had done well for Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and taken my chances in the IPL, things could have been different. But I couldn't capitalise on those opportunities.

**What are your future plans?**

If I can get into some T20 legends' league, I will be happy. But for the moment, I haven't met Jaydev *bhai* and Niranjan (Shah) sir. I will take their advice and know what they have in mind for me because they have been mentors along with a few others. I want to sit down and find out whether I can help the association in any capacity. Once I do that, only then will I be able to give a clearer picture.

# JEE: Kushagra Gupta only student from State to score 100 percentile

This year, 14 candidates secured 100 percentile across the country

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Bhavesh Jayanthi and (right) Udit Jaiswal are among other toppers from the State. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Kushagra Gupta is the only student from Karnataka who has managed to secure 100 percentile score in the Joint Entrance Examination Main 2025, session 1 of paper 1. Fourteen students secured 100 percentile in the country.

Among other toppers from the State is Udit Jaiswal, who secured 99.996 percentile. A student of Geethanjali Vidyalaya, Kaggadasapura, Udit attends classes at Allen and spent four to five hours outside school hours on JEE preparation. With a keen interest in aerospace rockets, Udit has a much-cherished telescope for sky gazing, which he resorts to when he finds time. "The interest in space came when I was reading something about it long ago. I love exploring new spaces," he said.

Bhavesh Jayanthi, a student of Sri Chithanya Techno School, Marthahalli, secured 99.9992 percentile. He secured 100 percentile in Maths and Physics, while his Chemistry percentile is 99.964. Originally from Hyderabad, Bhavesh was with Sri Chaithanya Whitefield till class 10, before shifting to their Marthahalli branch in class 11. "Maths has been my favourite subject and my forte. It has been so since my childhood. I like computer science and coding. I used to code when in high school, when I used to find time," he said.

The National Testing Agency announced the result of JEE (Main)-2025, session 1 of paper 1 for the entrance of professional courses like BE/B.Tech in premier technical institutions like Indian Institute Technologies (IITs), on Tuesday.

This year, including two girls, a total of 14 candidates secured 100 percentile score. Rajasthan has the highest number of top scorers with five students. Following this, two students each from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh have secured 100 percentile.

The JEE (Main) 2025 session-1 of paper 1 (B.E./B.Tech.) was conducted by NTA from January 22 to 29. As many as 12,58,136 candidates appeared for the examination, conducted at 618 centres in 304 cities, including 15 outside India.

# City police introduce QR code system to catalogue seized items for transparency, accountability

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru city police have adopted digital technology by implementing a QR code-based system to mark and catalogue recovered items and property.

This will not only ensure accountability and transparency but also to provide detailed information of every seized item with just a scan, city Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said.

Earlier, there have been instances where the seized items have been misused by officials and cases have also been booked. In some instances, officers, upon transfer handing over charge to a new officer in that posting, have failed to account for items that had been in their custody.

Police Commissioner B. Dayananda

**A dedicated software has been developed to support the QR code system**

In such cases too, FIRs have been registered against them. This also compromises trials in these cases, a senior official said, adding that the QR code system would avoid such embarrassments to the Department.

"The QR code initiative aims to improve the safety and accountability of items such as jewellery, cash, and other valuables, thereby eliminating discrepancies in inventory handling and ensuring transparency in police operations," Mr. Dayananda said.

A dedicated software has been developed to support the QR code system. When the QR code is scanned, it will take one to a page with details of seized items, date, case-related details and other particulars.

This will also allow senior officers to periodically audit the status of these items and trace them easily during court hearings.

# Citizens offer over 100 suggestions for Bill

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Over 100 suggestions were provided by citizens on the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill during the second public consultation meeting held for the Bommanahalli, South, Rajarajeshwari Nagar and West zones of BBMP on Tuesday.

The appointment of a single mayor and extension of their term, a lottery system for the appointment of ward committee members, a clear information about the extent of the expansion of Bengaluru were some of the most important suggestions given. Citizens spoke about entrusting more responsibilities to councillors in Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), Bescom, and BWSSB with GBA.

Rizwan Arshad, Shivajinagar MLA, who heads the joint legislature committee examining the Bill, said it was not possible to deliver basic amenities to citizens in a fair and effective manner in the existing system. "This is why we want to change the system of administration. While we have already studied the administrations of different states and countries for the Bill, we also want to incorporate the suggestions from citizens who have the best interests of Bengaluru in their minds," he said.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Jishnu Prasad Hema Raghunandan S/o Raghunandan Koratagere Nagarajasetty R/@ #593/55, Anagha, Hi-Tech Layout, Defense Colony, Arishinakunte, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562123 do hereby solemnly state that, **H.R. JISHNU PRASAD, JISHNU PRASAD H.R.** AND **JISHNU PRASAD HEMA RAGHUNANDAN,** all these names refers and belongs to one person i.e., me only. I further state that, I will continue a **JISHNU PRASAD HEMA RAGHUNANDAN** for all future purpose vide affidavit dated 11.02.2025 sworn to Notary Gangaraja C.B.

# Two sentenced to seven years' RI for death of youth in J.J. Nagar

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The 51st Additional City Civil and Sessions Court on Thursday convicted two persons for the death of a 19-year-old following an argument in J.J. Nagar in April 2022.

The incident took a communal twist following which the case was referred to CID. Though the CID had charge-sheeted the accused for murder, the court only convicted the two for culpable homicide, not amounting to murder, and sentenced them to seven years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹10,000 on each. On April 4, 2022, Simon Raj, a complainant in the case, accompanied by Chandru V., 19, had gone to Hale Guddadahalli to have snacks on his birthday at around 2.30 a.m.

The duo were riding a bike which collided with the accused's bike and the incident led to a heated argument.

The accused, Shahid Pasha, called his friends for help, who came to the spot armed and attacked the duo. While Simon Raj escaped the attack, the accused stabbed Chandru on his leg. The incident was caught on CCTV camera in the area. Simon managed to return and shift the profusely bleeding Chandru to the hospital where he succumbed to the injuries.

Even though the jurisdictional police arrested three people in this case,, the government handed over the case to CID.

The CID team led by Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nandakumar, conducted a detailed investigation and recorded over 30 witness statements in the charge-sheet stating the murder was committed over a road rage incident.

# Five held for cheating businessman

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Organised Crime Wing officials of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) arrested five persons for cheating a city-based businessman of ₹37.5 lakh.

According to the police, the accused Sukirthi, 41, Inayathulla, 50, Zakir, 36, Prateek, 35, and Umesh, 31, approached the businessman when he was looking for a loan after incurring loss in his business. The accused lured him into a business deal by stating that they had sold an antique vessel in the international market for ₹15 lakh crore, and the amount was stuck in the RBI due to some formalities.

They told the businessman that they needed money to pay the tax to get the amount released and assured him that he would be given a few crores in return. Excited by the offer, the businessman borrowed money and paid ₹37.5 lakh to the accused in Delhi.

The businessman lodged a complaint after realising the accused fled with the money. The CCB tracked down the accused from Bengaluru, Tamil Nadu, and Hubballi.

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**I, CHITRA** Bahadur Ale, Aged about 64 years, Service No. 7771034L, Rank EX-NAIK, Residing at No.20, Mathru Chaya, PNS Layout, Subbayanna Palya, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bengaluru 560033 Have Changed My Daughter's name From Chetana Ale to Chetna Ale, Vide Affidavit Dated 08.02.2025 Before Notary Uday Kumar K. Bengaluru

**I, RASHEEDA** Begum W/o Hayath Basha Vanagulam Jabbar residing at No.123, Jumma Masjid Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru - 560051 have changed my name to Rasheeda Begum Latiff vide affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

**I, AMBIKA** Kandula Reddy, R/at No.2983, 12th Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560008, have changed my name from Ambika Kandula Reddy to Ambika Balaji Reddy vide affidavit dated 11/02/2025 sworn before Notary Mamatha.N.K, B'luru

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**I, MEENA** Kumari Ale, Aged about 62 years, is the legal wife of EX-NAIK Chitra Bahadur Ale, No.7771034L, Residing at No.20, Mathru Chaya, PNS Layout, Subbayanna Palya, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bengaluru 560033 Have Changed My Name From Meena Kumari to Meena Kumari Ale, Vide Affidavit Dated 05.02.2025 before Notary Uday Kumar K. B'luru.

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Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch (4106)
No. 874, 2nd Cross, 9th Main, BEML Layout, 4th Stage, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560098. Ph:080-28612221,

**NOTICE TO BORROWER**
**(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 07.01.2025

To,
**(1) Mrs. Sowbhagya V,** No. 7, Near St. Meera School, Lakshmipura, Bangalore 562123
Dear Sir/s,
**Re: Credit facilities with our Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch (4106)**
We refer to **letter no. 00001772664 dated 15.03.2023** conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction, you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

| Nature and type of facility | Limit (Rs.) | Rates of Interest | O/s as on 05.01.2025 (inclusive of interest up to 05.01.2025) | Security agreement with brief description of securities (please mention the details of security agreements and details of mortgaged property including total area and boundaries) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Housing Loan 41060600001572 | Rs. 50,00,000/- | 8.60% | Rs. 39,53,664.87/- | EMDTD of all the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 240/14, (Northern portion) admeasuring 600 sq.ft [Carved out of 240/14 total site measuring 1800 sq. ft.) in 1 Acres 10 guntas of land, Present Assessment No. 107/1A1, old Assessment No. 42. CMC Rajarajeshwari Khatha No. 369116, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yashavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 15 feet totally measuring 600 square feet., and bounded on : East by: Remaining portion of Site no. 14, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 13, South by: Remaining portion of Site no. 14. |

**(2)** In the Term Loan agreement of debt dated **16.03.2023** you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of **Rs. 50.00 lakhs** as on **16.03.2023** outstandings stated above include further drawings and interest upto _ NA Other charges debited to the account are Rs.. NA (date). The (date).
**(3)** As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstandings for the quarter ended **December 2024.** You have also defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/demand loans which have fallen due for payment on **04.10.2024** and thereafter.
**(4)** Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on **02.01.2025** in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
**(5)** Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs.39,53,664.87/-** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four and Eighty Seven Paisa Only) as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.
**(6)** Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.
**(7)** We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.
**(8)** We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/ tender/ private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.
Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Date : 11.02.2025
Place : Bengaluru
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय**
**ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, खूँटी**

**अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–**
**RDD/SD/KHUNTI/06/2024-25**

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

| क्र० सं० | कार्य का नाम | प्राक्कलित राशि | अग्रधन की राशि | परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य | कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि |
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| 1 | खूँटी जिला अन्तर्गत खूँटी में प्लास मार्ट का निर्माण कार्य। | 4,99,79,500/– | 10,00,000/– | 10,000/– | 18 माह |

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 14.02.2025
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय–दिनांक 15.02.2025 से दिनांक 21.02.2025 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, खूँटी
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय –22.02.2025 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, खूँटी
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 6201188328 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10.निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

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कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,खूँटी

PR 346265 Rural Development(24-25).D

**ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ**

ಗುಂಡ್ಲುಪೇಟೆ – 571 111
ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಇ–ಮೇಲ್ apmcgundlupet1997@gmail.com
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 08229–222215
ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ(ಗುಂಪೇ):504: 2024–25
ದಿನಾಂಕ : 07–02–2025

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಗುಂಡ್ಲುಪೇಟೆ ಇವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾಯಿದೆ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧವಾಗಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ, ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆಗಳಂತೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಹಾಗೂ **Standard Tender Documents KW-4 Clause 3 (with latest amendments)** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹರಿರುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

| ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ | ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು | ಡೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ | ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊಬಲಗು ರೂ. ಶೇಖಡ 1.00 ರಂತೆ ಅಥವಾ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ (ಇ ಪೇಮೆಂಟ್) | ಕೆಲಸ ಪೂರೈಸಲು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಅವಧಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತು ಪಡಿಸಿ) | ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ | ಇ ಪ್ರೋಸಸ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಫೀ (ಇ ಪೇಮೆಂಟ್) |
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**ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ**

* ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 14–05–2025 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ : 11:00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ
* ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 10–03–2025 ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : ಸಂಜೆ 4.00
* ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 12–03–2025 ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : ಸಂಜೆ : 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ
* ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ 17–03–2025 ಸಂಜೆ : 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ

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# Asian elephants change scientists' minds on why they trumpet

Most of what we know about elephants' use of sounds to communicate comes from studies of African elephants. We don't know much about Asian elephants, the species native to India and other tropical and subtropical forests of Asia. African and Asian elephants are entirely different species with unique habits, habitats, and adaptations

Sanjukta Mondal

Vocal communication plays an outsized role in how social animals survive in the wild.

A loud cry from a baby attracts the attention of a parent. A scream can warn others of a predator lurking nearby.

Humans have developed thousands of languages, spoken and signed, to share information, ideas, and emotions – yet they're not alone among the earth's life forms in communicating in complicated ways and out loud.

Elephants live long lives, up to around 70 years, and in this time their herds often split and merge. To navigate these changes, these giants have developed a complex system of sounds, from low-frequency rumbles and roars to high-frequency squeaks and chirps, to stay in touch with each other.

Most of what we know about elephants' use of sounds to communicate comes from studies of African elephants (genus *Loxodonta*). We don't know much about Asian elephants (genus *Elephas*), the species native to India and other tropical and subtropical forests of Asia.

Understanding the differences in vocal communication between elephant species is nontrivial because African and Asian elephants aren't just distant cousins roaming different lands. They are entirely different species with unique habits, habitats, and adaptations.

In a study published in the journal *Mammalian Biology* on December 23, 2024, researchers compared the calls of Asian elephants based on their age, sex, and behaviour. They found the duration of trumpets remained fairly consistent across all age classes for both male and female Asian elephants, but roars and roar-rumbles got longer with age.

"Every behaviour of [Asian] elephants is fascinating to witness, and their acoustic communication makes it even more remarkable because of elephants' capabilities to switch between very high-frequency and very low-frequency sounds," Nachiketha Sharma, the study's first author and a Ph.D. student at the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, said.

A cow, juveniles, and a calf in Yala National Park, Sri Lanka, February 2022. CHARLES J. SHARP (CC BY-SA 4.0)

## A vocal repertoire

Through thick forests and rough terrain, the researchers set out in pursuit of the secrets of the vocal communications of Asian elephants.

These animals roam freely in the outdoors and talk to each other using four main types of calls: trumpets, roars, rumbles, and chirps. They combine them in different ways, called combination calls, to convey different messages.

The researchers divided the vocalisations into high and low frequencies based on whether human ears could hear them.

## Translating the trumpet

Each call carries a specific meaning and function. The most common high-frequency vocalisations, which both the Asian and the African savannah elephants can produce, are trumpets – the iconic sound uniquely associated with elephants.

According to some mathematical models, these elephants may be producing the trumpets by blowing air in sudden bursts through the trunk, a form of "second voice" that doesn't require the vocal cords to be involved.

Researchers had previously believed Asian elephants trumpeted chiefly to communicate disturbances caused by humans and other troublesome species. The new study isn't so sure. "Our study reveals that trumpets are generated in a variety of contexts, including social interactions, play, and agonistic interactions both within and between groups," Sharma said.

He also added that the study documented the first instance of combination calls in a southern Indian population of Asian elephants. The researchers found the roar-rumble in particular to possibly serve multiple functions, including maintaining contact and signalling disturbances.

**The study laid the groundwork to understand sounds Asian elephants use and to explore the acoustic behaviours of herds. Researchers are curating an 'Asian Elephant Sound Library' that will soon be accessible to the public for education and scientific research**

## 'As quiet as possible'

The team also tackled a fundamental question: whether Asian elephants' high-frequency vocalisations differed by age and sex.

"For a holistic understanding of any communication system, it is vital to address fundamental questions such as age and sex differences," Sharma said. "Once we know these basic differences, we can dig deeper or ask more questions related to the possible reasons behind such variations as well as the functions associated with a particular call type."

The team set up recording equipment in the protected areas of Bandipur National Park and Mudumalai National Park, which are 75 km apart. Both parks are home to large populations of Asian elephants, with an estimated 1,025 in the former and 300 in the latter.

The study focused on elephants that moved freely between these parks.

"Recording vocalisations can be quite a challenge," Sharma said. "We spent hours following elephants, trying to stay as quiet as possible to avoid any background noise that could interfere with [the] recordings," Sharma said.

The team also collected data on elephant vocalisations recorded over two years from diverse habitats, including grasslands, forests, saltlicks, and water bodies.

Putting them together, the team stumbled upon an intriguing pattern.

Younger elephants, both male and female, produced calls of a higher pitch to attract the attention of their herd mates and establish their presence. On the other hand, the older ones used lower-pitched calls for the same purpose.

According to the paper, these differences could be shaped by changes in body size and vocalisation mechanisms as the elephants aged.

The researchers also found that the role of roars issued by Asian elephant calves closely mirrored those of their African cousins. The infants used these powerful calls to get the attention of the adults in a herd and signal their emotional states.

To the researchers, this meant the roar serves a universal purpose that could be highly conserved across elephant species.

## A sound library

This study laid the groundwork for scientists to understand the various sounds Asian elephants use and set the stage for further exploring the acoustic behaviours of free-ranging populations.

The researchers also said this work is just the beginning. "There is a lot more for us to uncover to truly appreciate the complex world of elephant acoustic communication," Sharma added.

The team also plans to launch a project to explore and understand the soundscapes of Asian elephants in both wild and captive environments.

As part of this initiative, the researchers are curating an 'Asian Elephant Sound Library' that will soon be accessible to the public for education and scientific research.

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### THE GIST

- Elephants live up to around 70 years, and herds often split and merge. To manage this reshaping of the herd, they have developed a system of sounds, from low-frequency rumbles and roars to high-frequency squeaks and chirps, to stay in touch
- The most common high-frequency vocalisations are trumpets. Researchers found 'that trumpets are generated in a variety of contexts, including social interactions, play, and agonistic interactions both within and between groups'
- Younger elephants produce calls of a higher pitch to attract the attention of their mates and establish their presence. On the other hand, the older ones used lower-pitched calls for the same purpose

## BIG SHOT

A pile of harvested cocoa pods at a farm in Assin Foso, Ghana, in November 2024. A lack of rain in most of Ivory Coast's cocoa-growing regions could delay the start of the April-to-September mid-crop, potentially leading to a shortage of beans, the main ingredient in chocolate, farmers said on Monday. REUTERS

## QUESTION CORNER

# Why is Hawaii ideal for rainbows?

**Q: Where is the 'rainbow capital' of the world?**

Hawaii's regular sunshine, short rain showers, and clean air come together to create some of the planet's best conditions for viewing rainbows. They're such a frequent sight that a University of Hawaii professor calls the state the "rainbow capital of the world."

Rainbows form when raindrops refract sunlight into a spectrum of colours. The brighter the sun, the clearer the rainbow. Look for them when it is both sunny and raining at the same time. They will appear opposite the sun. They will seem larger and higher in the sky in the early morning and late afternoon, when the sun is lower on the horizon.

Steven Businger, professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, says the archipelago's trade winds bring many small showers with enough blue sky between them for the sun to shine through.

Hawaii's clean air also helps. Other places tend to have more air particles from dust, pollen, and cars. Conditions improve further during the rainy season from October to April.

Joseph Heher photographs rainbows at Shipwreck's Beach, Grand Hyatt Kauai, Hawaii, July 2, 2010. AP

When Kimberly Carlson was a professor at Manoa, she saw a rainbow outside her apartment window that made her wonder how climate change would affect them. Now a New York University environmental studies professor, she's studied the impact over the next century. Her team's analysis, published in a paper two years ago, predicts Brazil, the Mediterranean and parts of Central Africa will have fewer rainbows by 2100. They found places that currently get lots of snow but that will instead receive more rain will likely see more rainbows.

*- Associated Press*

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# Metro fare hike: BMRCL likely to review commuters' concerns

Officials say they will assess ridership data and review feedback regarding anomalies in the revised fare structure

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Following widespread criticism of the steep increase in metro fares, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) officials said they would review the concerns regarding anomalies in the revised fare structure.

Officials stated they would assess ridership data and take into account commuter feedback, as several passengers have reported disproportionately high fare increases for certain travel stages.

**Fare revision**
The fare revision, which came into effect on February 9, has sparked a wave of complaints from metro users. BMRCL officials confirmed they had received numerous grievances regarding the hike.

"We have been receiving a large number of complaints since the revised fares were introduced. Many commuters have pointed out significant fare jumps on specific routes, and we will carefully analyse the data to understand these discrepancies. A review will be conducted to ensure that the fare revision is reasonable and justified," a senior BMRCL official said.

BMRCL officials have confirmed they received numerous grievances regarding the hike. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**Highest fare in country**
BMRCL cited Section 37 of the Metro Railway Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Act, 2002, which states that recommendations made by the Fare Fixation Committee are binding on the metro administration. However, many people have pointed out that in 2021, the then Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, reduced the maximum fare on Chennai Metro from ₹70 to ₹50, despite the fare committee's recommendations.

With the latest revision, metro in Bengaluru now has the highest fares in the country. Although its network spans only 76 km, the maximum fare has been increased to ₹90 for distances beyond 25 km.

In contrast, Delhi Metro, which operates a 353 km network, charges only ₹60 for journeys exceeding 32 km.

**Commuters unhappy**
Many commuters have expressed frustration, stating that fares on certain routes have increased by 50% to 75%, significantly impacting their daily travel expenses.

Several passengers have taken to social media and other platforms to highlight the financial burden caused by the steep hike, urging authorities to reconsider the decision.

## Mahila Congress stage protest

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The Karnataka Pradesh Mahila Congress staged a protest at Jayanagar Metro Station on Tuesday criticising the BJP over the recent metro fare hike in Bengaluru. Karnataka Mahila Congress president Sowmya Reddy, who led the protest, accused the BJP of misleading the public about the fare hike.

She pointed out that the Union Railway Ministry had approved the fare hike during a meeting on January 17.

"The BJP is hiding the central government's role in the fare revision. We urge them to clarify who is responsible for the metro fare increase," Reddy said.

The protest comes days after BJP workers staged demonstrations at major metro stations across Bengaluru on February 10, criticising the fare increase and holding the state government accountable.

## Issue raised in Lok Sabha

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Bengaluru South BJP MP Tejasvi Surya raised the issue of Bengaluru metro fare hike in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Speaking during Zero Hour, he criticised the sharp increase in ticket prices, particularly for short-distance travel, where fares have reportedly doubled across several stations. Mr. Surya said the fare hike has made Bengaluru Metro the most expensive metro network in the country, defeating its purpose as an affordable public transport option.

"I urge authorities to reconsider the fare structure and implement a more reasonable pricing system to ensure accessibility for the common man," he said in the Lok Sabha. The MP also met with the Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs to discuss the issue. He called for immediate intervention to rectify inconsistencies in the new fare system.

## Fare revision based on panel's suggestion: CM

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**If State govt. has the power to hike fares, why did it have to write to the Centre?, asks Siddaramaiah**

Even as the Opposition BJP blamed the Congress government for the steep hike in Bengaluru Metro Rail fares, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said that Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has increased fares based on a report submitted to the Centre by a three-member panel, led by R. Tharani, a retired judge of the Madras High Court.

**Committee report**
The committee comprising representatives of the Centre and the State constituted on September 16, 2024, was asked to submit a report on fare structure within three months. The committee submitted the report on December 16, 2024. BMRCL had written to the Centre seeking revision in fare structure since fares have not been hiked since 2017. If the State government has the power to hike fares, why did it have to write to the Centre, the Chief Minister asked.

He alleged that the BJP has been misleading the public on the metro rail fare hike by providing "false information" and provoking the public to stage protests, accusing the State government for it. The committee had discussions with not only BMRCL officials but also officials of the Chennai and Delhi metro trains on revision of fares. BMRCL has to accept the committee's recommendation and implement the fare hike, the Chief Minister affirmed.

**In other States**
The metro rail length in Bengaluru increased from 43.30 km in 2017 to 96.90 km. It is expected to increase to 175.55 km in December 2026. Minimum hike in fare was ₹10 while maximum was ₹60. In Mumbai, the minimum hike was ₹10 and maximum was ₹80, the CM said.

Knowing well that construction of the metro rail project was the responsibility of both the State and the Centre, the BJP has been blaming the State government for fare hike. The State government has no discretion powers to hike fares, he said.

BMRCL is an autonomous institution. The State has no total control over the management of the BMRCL. Both State and the Centre contribute (50:50) equally to the project, the chief minister said.

## 10 foreigners arrested for illegal stay, drug peddling

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Continuing their crackdown on illegal immigrants in the city, sleuths from the Anti Narcotics Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB), Bengaluru City Police, tracked down 10 foreign nationals staying illegally in the city, and have initiated procedures to deport them.

Based on specific inputs, the officials conducted search operations in Chikkajala and arrested three foreigners including two men and a woman staying in a rented house. Similar operations were carried out in Hennur, Amruthalli, Vidyaranyapura, Govindapura and Puttenahalli and seven foreign nationals were arrested.

In the Hennur case, the police recovered 55 grams of MDMA crystals and three kilos of Marijuana from the arrested foreign nationals.

The prime accused is a habitual offender in a similar case in Baiyappanahalli in 2024. He was out on bail and changed his location to peddle drugs, the police said.

The accused were booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, presented before the court, and remanded into judicial custody.

Similarly, some of the other foreign nationals arrested were also involved in drug peddling cases and had changed location and jumped bail to continue their illegal activities. While the accused engaged in Hennur Govindapura and Puttenahalli cases have been remanded to judicial custody, the others have been produced before the FRRO and sent to the Detention Centre to carry out the deportation process, Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said.

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## Man stabbed to death

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BENGALURU

A 48-year-old man was stabbed to death by his relative following an argument on the city railway station premises on Tuesday.

The deceased, Venkatesh, was a street vendor selling artificial jewellery. Ramu, brother-in-law of the deceased, is on the run, the police said.

The police said that the two partied together on Sunday at the parking lot of the railway station and had a fight following an argument. A probe revealed that Ramu fled the spot after stabbing Venkatesh. He was taken to a private hospital, where he was treated and later discharged home. However, he succumbed at home later.

Based on the complaint by another relative, the police have registered a case.

## KBA chairman seeks reinstatement of Book Packet service

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Following the suspension of the 'Book Packet' (registered parcel) service by India Post in December 2024, which has caused much inconvenience to several regional publishers, chairman of Karnataka Book Authority (KBA) Manasa has written to Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Communications, seeking reinstatement of the service.

With the Book Packet service, independent publishers spend a nominal cost on postage while the Registered Post option, which they are now required to use, costs almost 50% more than the former. These changes were made to the Post Office Act, 2023, which replaced the Indian Post Office Act, 1898.

"The Postal Department had been following the process of sending printed books through registered parcel for a long time till now which was a very economical way for publishers to send their printed books to readers. It would cut down their major overhead costs and as a result, they could save on their production expenditure. Ever since a decision to stop this service has been taken, the publishers are forced to spend considerable money to send a parcel which is huge when compared with the manufacturing unit cost of the book itself. Publishers can't rely on private courier services for a variety of reasons," Ms. Manasa said in her letter.

She further said, "I, on behalf of all publishers in Karnataka, request you to reinstate the earlier mode of sending books through registered parcel. The decision would surely help the ailing publishing industry to a large extent."

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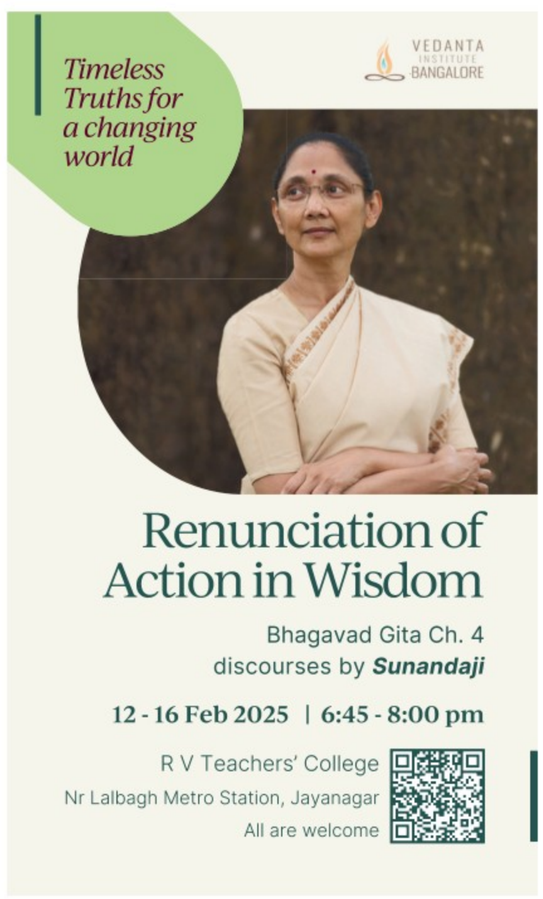
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### Religious groups that have sued the Trump administration

**27** More than two dozen Christian and Jewish groups representing millions of Americans filed a federal court lawsuit on Tuesday challenging a Trump administration move giving immigration agents more leeway to make arrests at houses of worship. AP

### The growth in net direct tax collection till February 10

**15** In per cent. Net direct tax collection grew 14.69% to over ₹17.78 lakh crore so far this fiscal, government data showed on Tuesday. As per the data released by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), mop up from net non-corporate taxes grew 21% year-on-year to about ₹9.48 lakh crore. PTI

### The increase in IRCTC's PAT in the December quarter

**13** In per cent. The IRCTC reported a 13% rise in consolidated profit after tax from continuing operations at ₹341.08 crore for the December 2024 quarter, on account of higher income. It had posted ₹299.99 crore profit after tax in the year-ago period. Total income increased to ₹1,281.20 crore. PTI

### Lives claimed by man-elephant conflicts in Jharkhand

**474** Man-elephant conflicts in Jharkhand have claimed 474 lives over a span of five years since the 2019-20 fiscal. A total of 87 lives were lost due to such incidents in 2023-24, lower than the figure of 2022-23 and 2021-22 when the deaths were 96 and 133 respectively. PTI

### Number of chickens culled in Andhra Pradesh

**4,500** Following the detection of Avian Influenza in Velpuru in West Godavari district and Kanuru Agraharam in East Godavari district, officials in Andhra Pradesh have begun culling birds. PTI

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# How will freeze on USAID affect the world?

Why is the U.S. administration halting foreign assistance and scaling back personnel in the United States Agency for International Development? What will happen if the agency stops funding development projects in many countries? Which are the key sectors it is involved in? What will be the fallout in the Global South?

EXPLAINER

Ramya Kannan

**The story so far:**

On January 20, his first day in office for a second term, U.S. President Donald Trump put in place a 90-day freeze on foreign assistance. The executive order read, [There will be a] "90-day pause in United States foreign development assistance for assessment of programmatic efficiencies and consistency with United States foreign policy." Consequently, personnel of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) were stopped from disbursing assistance across the world. By late last week, the website of USAID also wiped content, leaving just a message that all USAID personnel (about 10,000 globally) would be placed on administrative leave, with a few exceptions for mission-critical personnel. Shortly before the plans to scale back personnel were to take effect, a federal judge issued a temporary restraining order till February 14, but that does not extend to the freeze on funds disbursal.

**What is the USAID?**

The U.S. Agency for International Aid was set up as an independent agency, through an Act of Congress in 1961. It was an attempt to align all U.S. efforts to administer civilian foreign aid and development assistance. Its mission is "to promote and demonstrate democratic values abroad and advance a free, peaceful, and prosperous world" while advancing the U.S.'s security and prosperity. In pushing this agenda, it provides financial aid across various sectors in over 100 countries worldwide. Broadly, it works in the sectors of economic development, health, education, food security, humanitarian assistance, climate change, and democracy and governance.

It works in partnerships with governments, NGOs, businesses, and other international organisations, primarily providing grants, technical assistance, and funding for development projects that are in sync with its goals. Notable among its flagship schemes are the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), Feed the Future (addressing hunger and food security issues), Power Africa (expanding access to electricity across Africa) and Water for the World Act (improving water, sanitation, and hygiene services).

It receives funding allocated in the U.S. budget. In 2024, USAID received a total of $44.20 billion, which is 0.4% of the U.S. federal budget for FY 2024 (as per the official website USAspending.gov). In the same year, the agency had distributed $44.20 billion among its four sub-components. Media reports claim it contributed to nearly 42% of all humanitarian aid tracked by the United Nations in 2024.

**What has Elon Musk said?**

Elon Musk, head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), has threatened that the agency would be shut down, while Secretary of State Marco Rubio who is now the acting administrator of USAID, has talked about 'restructuring' it.

**How will this impact countries?**

According to the official U.S. foreign assistance website, the top countries the USAID engages with are Ukraine, Ethiopia, Jordan, Somalia, Congo (Kinshasa), Afghanistan, Nigeria, Syria, Yemen and South Sudan.

The withdrawal of these funds, arising out of a decision born out of petulance, might severely impact the fortunes of these nations, as a number of projects will have to be dropped, in the light of aid being stopped. This will have an impact not only on the quality of life of beneficiaries of these schemes, but may even pose a danger to life in these nations. More than six million people could die from HIV and AIDS in the next four years if Mr. Trump's administration pulls its global funding for programmes, the United Nations AIDS agency said on February 7.

Media reports stated that while a freeze was ordered on the $13.3 million in aid for Haiti, the U.S. State Department issued a waiver, allowing $40.7 million in foreign assistance for the nation's police department. Also, the agency has said, in its note on the website, that exceptions would be made for "mission-critical functions, core leadership and specially designated programs", but no details are available yet on what these may be or the grounds for exception.

Meanwhile, foreign agency reports speculate that only 294 employees of the total of 10,000 would remain, including 12 in the Africa bureau and eight in the Asia bureau, because these are areas that are critical to combating poverty, disease, and conflict.

While Mr. Rubio has told the media that "this is not about ending foreign aid, but about structuring it in a way that furthers the national interests of the United States," there are not too many takers for this defence. Mr. Trump has made no secret of the fact that he has always advanced his point of view of America, a stand his critics see as rendering the nation in isolation from the rest of the world. Even as a front-runner for the President's seat, he said: "We're rebuilding other countries while weakening our own. Ending the theft of American jobs will give us the resources we need to rebuild our military, which has to happen and regain our financial independence and strength." His trusted aide Mr. Musk poured vitriol over USAID, calling it a 'criminal organisation' and 'a viper's nest of radical-left Marxists who hate America'.

Andrew Natsios, former USAID administrator, in an interview with *PBS News Hour*, said USAID was one of the great humanitarian powers in the world, to protect the U.S. and people in the developing world from hunger and disease. "The programmes they are attacking now are Biden-era programmes," he said, hinting at political vengeance being the driving force behind the move. The withdrawal, he claimed, would be a "disaster for the U.S. and for the Global South".

**Will projects in India suffer?**

In India, the quantum of funding has reduced over the years, with the government of India objecting to certain aspects of the conditions for the agreement for grants. In the last decade, India is said to have received around $1.5 billion from USAID – about 0.2 % to 0.4 % of USAID's total global funding (as per the foreign assistance website).

The association between India and USAID began in 1951 when President Harry Truman signed the India Emergency Food Aid Act. Over the decades, USAID's role has evolved from food aid to infrastructure development, capacity building, economic reforms, and more. In the early years, the agency weighed in strongly in the education sector, immunisation and health care. While health remains the main sector where USAID has been involved in India (including HIV/AIDS, TB, maternal and child health, and immunisation programmes) with a funding of $79.3 million in 2024, it also has interests in economy, energy, water supply and sanitation, and environmental health.

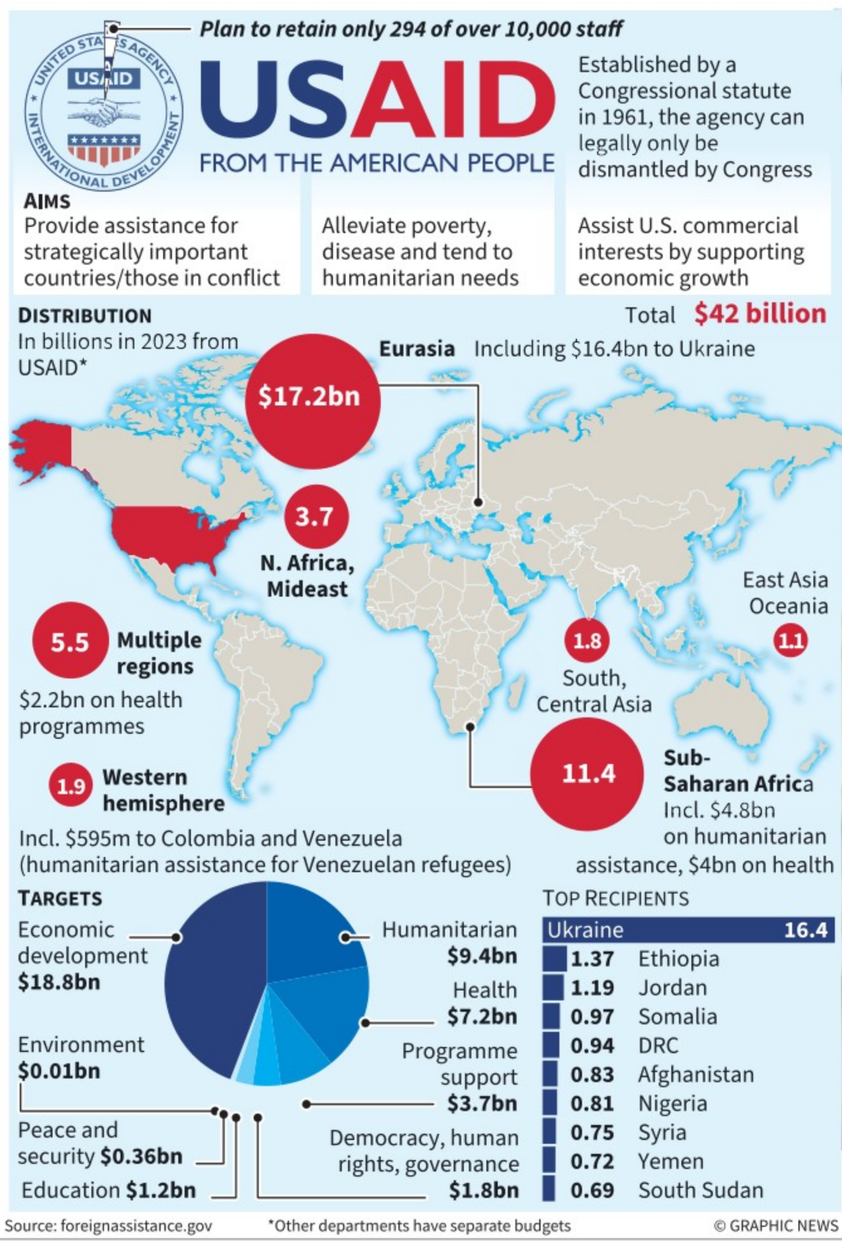
In this sense, pundits in the development sector feel that the withdrawal of USAID may not affect India in a major way.

However, it remains to be seen how these existing projects, particularly in healthcare fare now, and whether Central or State governments will be able to pick up the tab to keep these projects, and beneficiaries going.

Meanwhile, USAID has directed all organisations implementing projects in India to suspend operations for the time being.

## Dismantling aid from the U.S.

The withdrawal of USAID, arising out of a decision born of petulance, might severely impact the fortunes of many nations, as a number of projects will have to be dropped, in the light of aid being stopped through an executive decision by the Donald Trump administration




**In rage:** People protest against U.S. President Donald Trump's plan to shut down USAID outside the U.S. Capitol on February 5. AFP

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**BE KNOWN TO ALL** that our client **Mr. M. Mogilappa S/o M. Guravaiah,** residing at No.3-38, Peddadhalavaipalli, Vasanthapuram, Chittor, Andhra Pradesh, 517 132 is absolute owner and is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property mentioned below in Schedule hereunder and he is intend to avail loan facility in Bajaj Finance Ltd for construction of residential house. It is further bring your notice that, in the Record of Rights, Tenancy and Crops (RTC), the name of Amarjyothi Housing Society is reflected.

Any person, entity or representative of the said society having any claim or claim/objection in this regard, such person submit his/her/their claim/objection with documentary proof thereof to the undersigned in writing within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there is no claims/ objections.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of Eastern Portion of **Site No.7,** Property No.22/1/7, Present BBMP Form B Property Sl. No.2769, Katha No.22/1, situated at **Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, measuring **East to West 20-0 feet and North to South (38+37.5)/2 feet in all measuring 755 square feet** and bounded on:

**East by : Site No.6; West by : Remaining Portion of same site No.7; North by : Private Property; South by : 20 feet Road;**

**KRISHNAMURTHY. P, Advocate**
No.11, 1st Floor, "MEERA NIVAS"
Opp: Sai Baba Temple, North Park Road,
Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560 020.
Mob: 9740718436 / 8123124113
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## JANA CAPITAL LIMITED

CIN: U67100TZ2015PLC033424

Reg. Office: 3rd Floor, Sri Krishna Towers, Sy. No.25b1, Krishnagiri Bye-pass Road, Hosur East, Hosur, Krishnagiri- 635109, Tamil Nadu. Email: info@janacapital.co.in Web address: www.janacapital.co.in

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**In the matter of M/s Jana Capital Limited (the Company) having its Registered Office at 3rd Floor, Sri Krishna Towers, Sy No. 25 B1, Krishnagiri Bye-Pass Road, Hosur East, Hosur, Krishnagiri – 635109 having CIN: U67100TZ2015PLC033424…….. Applicant**

**Notice is hereby given that to the general public that the Company had lost its original NBFC Certificate of Registration having Certificate No. C-02.00278 at Corporate Office: #19/4, "Sair Bagh" Building, 4th Floor, Cunningham Road, Vasanth Nagar, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560001. Complaint has been lodged on 07.02.2025 and the complaint no. is 1467502/2025. Kindly return the same if anyone found it to the Corporate Office #19/4, Sair Bagh" Building, 4th Floor, Cunningham Road, Vasanth Nagar, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560001.**

**Information is provided in this regard that the said certificate is untraceable, and a statutory warning is hereby given to the general public, not to misuse if the same has fallen into their hands, and to note that in case of misuse of the said certificate so found civil and criminal cases shall be registered against that the person(s) concerned.**

**For Jana Capital Limited**
**Sd/-**
**Rajamani Muthuchamy**
**Managing Director**
**DIN: 08080999**

**Corp Office Address: #19/4, Sair Bagh" Building, 4th Floor, Cunningham Road, Vasanth Nagar, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560001 Email Id: info@janacapital.co.in Contact No.: +91- 9845365595.**

## CENTRAL RAILWAY

**Electrical Department**
**E-TENDER NOTICE**

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, General, Central Railway, Solapur, for and on behalf of the President of India invites online e-tenders on Railways e-procurement website www.ireps.gov.in from reputed, experienced & Licensed Electrical contractors for the following works.

**Tender No.: SUR/L/T/2024/15R1.**

**Name of Work** :- Electrical general portion of work in connection with provision of Approach Road, Platform widening (400m x 5.5m), developement of circulating area (250m x 10m), HL platform, construction of Godown. Hamal room, CGS office Room, SM room, Relay room, IPS room, shed to Goods PF, Pit line at Latur. (Reinvitation). **Estimated cost** :- ₹ 92,50,212.67/-, **Bid Security** :- ₹ 1,85,000/- **Completion Period** :- 18 Months, **Validity of offer** :- 60 Days. **Date & time of tender closing on website** :- 07/03/2025 at 15:00 hours. Bid Security cost shall be paid through e-payment on www.ireps.gov.in website.

**Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General)**
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अपने जानवरों को रेल लाइन से दूर रखे

## JANA HOLDINGS LIMITED

CIN: U74900TZ2016PLC033423

Reg. Office: 3rd Floor, Sri Krishna Towers, Sy. No./25B1, Krishnagiri Bye-pass Road, Hosur East, Hosur, Krishnagiri- 635109, Tamil Nadu. Email: info@janaholdings.in Web address: http://janaholdings.co.in

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**In the matter of M/s Jana Holdings Limited (the Company) having its Registered Office at : 3rd Floor, Sri Krishna Towers, Sy No. 25 B1, Krishnagiri Bye-Pass Road, Hosur East, Hosur, Krishnagiri – 635109 having CIN:U74900TZ2016PLC033423 ……..……Applicant**

**Notice is hereby given that to the general public that the Company had lost its original NBFC Certificate of Registration having Certificate No. N-02.00275 at Corporate Office: #19/4, Sair Bagh" Building, 4th Floor, Cunningham Road, Vasanth Nagar, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560001. Complaint has been lodged on 07.02.2025 and the complaint no. is 1467502/2025. Kindly return the same if anyone found it to the Corporate Office #19/4, Sair Bagh" Building, 4th Floor, Cunningham Road, Vasanth Nagar, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560001.**

**Information is provided in this regard that the said certificate is untraceable, and a statutory warning is hereby given to the general public, not to misuse if the same has fallen into their hands, and to note that in case of misuse of the said certificate so found civil and criminal cases shall be registered against that the person(s) concerned.**

**For Jana Holdings Limited**
**Sd/-**
**Rajamani Muthuchamy**
**Managing Director**
**DIN: 08080999**

**Corp Office Address: #19/4, "Sair Bagh" Building, 4th Floor, Cunningham Road, Vasanth Nagar, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560001 Email Id: info@janaholdings.in Contact No.: +91- 9845365595**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to enter into a Joint Development Agreement with (1) Sri. Chenikala Nagaraju, son of Sri. Chenikala Pedda Malakondaiah, (2) Smt. Govindamma.G, wife of Sri. G. Narasimha (3) Smt. Bobba Sukanya wife of Sri. Lankapalli Jagadeesh & Smt. Nuthalapati Saraswathi, wife of Sri. Ramu , (4) Sri. N. Krishnappa, son of Sri. Chikkanarayanappa (5) Sri. Ramu, son of Sri. Ramaiah and (6) Smt. Gayathri wife of Sri. Suresh Golla ('Owner") for development of the properties mentioned in the Item No.1 to 6 in the Schedule hereunder. The Owner represents and warrants that the Schedule Property is their absolute property. The Owner represent that they have neither conveyed nor have entered into any Agreement of sale/Memorandum of Understanding nor have entered into any sort of arrangement with any person/s for sale/transfer/development/assignment of developmental rights with respect to Schedule Property and further represent that they have not encumbered, mortgaged, created any charge or lien on the Schedule Property in any manner and apart from them there are no other person/s, firm or company have any sort of right, title or claim over the Schedule Property. Any person/s having objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence, lodge their objection(s)/claim(s) within 7 days from the date of this Notice with the undersigned failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of lands situated at Bellikere Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru.

**Item No. 1, Sy No. 140/4 (Old Sy No.140) Extent: 9.8 Guntas**
**East:** Remaining property of same survey No.140
**West:** 30 Feet Road
**North:** Property bearing Survey No. 141
**South:** Border of Anekal and Government Road

**Item No. 2, Sy No. 140/5 (Old Sy No.140) Extent: 9 Guntas**
**East:** 30 Feet Road
**West:** Remaining property of same survey No.140
**North:** Property bearing Survey No. 141
**South:** Border of Anekal and Government Road

**Item No. 3, Sy No. 140/8 (Old Sy No.140/1 Extent: 8 ¼ guntas**
**East:** Remaining part of the same survey number
**West:** Karnataka Housing Board
**North:** Private Property
**South:** Road

**Item No. 4, Sy No. 140/9 (Old Sy No.140/1 Extent: 5¼ guntas**
**East:** Road
**West:** Property belongs to Smt. Bobba Sukanya and Smt. Nuthalapati Saraswathi
**North:** Survey No.141
**South:** Remaining part of the same survey number

**Item No. 5, Sy No. 140/10 (Old Sy No.140/1 Extent: 1 guntas**
**East:** Property belonging to Sri. Chenikala Nagaraju
**West:** Property belongs to Smt. Gayathri
**North:** Property belongs to Sri. Krishnappa
**South:** Border of Anekal and Government Road

**Item No. 6, Sy No. 140/11 (Old Sy No.140) Extent: 5 guntas**
**East:** Remaining property of same survey No.140
**West:** Remaining property of same survey No.140
**North:** Remaining property of same survey No.140
**South:** 30 feet Road

**SATISH.R** ADVOCATE
No.68, PH-2, TLVA, Electronic City,
Bengaluru- 560 100, Mob No.9886720139

**Date : 12-02-2025**
**Place: Bengaluru**

## बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda — Bank of Baroda

**Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch (4106)**
**No. 874, 2nd Cross, 9th Main, BEML Layout, 4th Stage, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560098. Ph:080-28612221,**

**NOTICE TO BORROWER**
**(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 07.01.2025

**To,**
**(1) Mrs. Channamma,** No. 1, 1st Main, 10th Cross, Mudalapalya Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560072

**Dear Sir/s,**

**Re: Credit facilities with our Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch (4106)**

We refer to **letter no. 00001772664 dated 15.03.2023** conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction, you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

| Nature and type of facility | Limit (Rs.) | Rates of Interest | O/s as on 05.01.2025 (inclusive of interest up to 05.01.2025) | Security agreement with brief description of securities (please mention the details of security agreements and details of mortgaged property including total area and boundaries) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Housing Loan 41060600001758 | Rs. 50,00,000/ | 9.55% | Rs. 42,14,050.12 | EMDTD of all the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 240/40, old assessment Sy no. 42, New Assessment New Sy. No. 107/ 1A1, Khata no. 369116 Measuring 1 acres 10 guntas, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. measuring East to West: 15 feet North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 600 Sq. Ft., and bounded on East by: Remaining eastern portion of Site No. 240/40, West by: Site No. 41, North by: Road and South by: Private Property. |
| Home Loan - Suvidha 41060600001749 | Rs. 3,19,000/- | 10.30% | Rs. 3,26,892.47 | |
| | | TOTAL | Rs. 45,40,942.59 | |

**(2)** In the Term Loan agreement of debt with loan account no. **41060600001758 dated 19.08.2023** you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of **Rs. 50.00 lakhs** as on **19.08.2023** (date) and Term Loan agreement of debt with loan account **no. 41060600001749 dated 11.08.2023** you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of **Rs.. 3.19 lakhs as on 11.08.2023** (date). The outstandings stated above include further drawings and interest upto NA to the account are Rs. NA (date). Other charges debited to the account are Rs. _____NA_____.

**(3)** As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstandings for the quarter ended **December 2024.** You have also defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/demand loans which have fallen due for payment on **04.10.2024** and thereafter.

**(4)** Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on **02.01.2025** in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.

**(5)** Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs.45,40,942.59 (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Two and Fifty Nine Paisa Only)** as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.

**(6)** Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.

**(7)** We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.

**(8)** We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/ inviting quotations/tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.

**Date : 11.02.2025**
**Place : Bengaluru**

**Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**
**Bank of Baroda**

## बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

**Bank of Baroda, Regional Office, Bangalore North**
4th Floor, Vijaya Tower, 41/2, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001, Ph: 080- 25584066/368/520, 8828371183, 9738724818,
E-mail: SARBEN@Bankofbaroda.com, recovery.blrnorth@Bankofbaroda.co.in, Website: www.bankofbaroda.in

SCAN HERE For detailed terms & conditions.

## E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below-

| SR/ LOT NO. | NAME & ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S/GUARANTOR/S | GIVE SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY | TOTAL DUES | DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION | RESERVE PRICE, EMD AND BID INCREASE AMOUNT | STATUS OF POSSESSION (CONSTRUCTIVE/ PHYSICAL) | PROPERTY INSPECTION DATE & TIME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **(1) Mrs. Padmavathi R W/o Mr C Sreekanta**<br>**(2) Mr. C Sreekanta S/o Sri Chandrappa**<br>No,1346, 1st floor, 6th Cross, 10th main, 3rd stage,<br>BEML Layout, Rajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru-560098<br>**Branch : Yelahanka Old Town** | **SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy nos 30,31,&32, measuring 13 Acre 01 Guntas, situated at Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, Within the revenue Jurisdiction of BMRDA, Bangalore in the project called as"La-Ville Township" and bounded on: East by : Survey No 142 and 145, West by : Survey No 177, North by : Survey No.28 and 29 South by : Survey No 47,<br>**SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel of the residential plot bearing No.79, having E Khatha No.150200102700422557 No.248/79 bearing residential plot measuring East to West 12.190 mts North to South 9.140mts, in all measuring 111.42 sq.mtrs in the schedule A property situated at Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site No.97, North by : Site No.80, South by : Site No.78. | **Rs. 40,08,123.05 (Rupees Forty Lakhs Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three and Five Paise Only) as on09.02.2025 plus Further interest and other charges.** | **27.02.2025 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**<br>**Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 27.02.2025 till 5 PM** | **Reserve Price: Rs. 21,20,000/-**<br>**EMD Amount: Rs. 2,12,000/-**<br>**Bid Increase Amount: Rs.25,000/-** | **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** | **WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER** |
| 2 | **(1) Mrs. Asha M,** D/o Sri Mahadevappa,(Applicant)<br>No. 317, Chowdappa Building, Ambedkar Colony Road, Hosur Main Road, Kudlu Village, Next to SRK Garden Apartments, Bangalore - 560068<br>**(2) Sri Ravi M,** S/o Sri Mahadevappa ( Co-Applicant)<br>No 317, Chowdappa Building, Ambedkar Colony Road, Hosur Main Road, Kudlu Village, Next to SRK Garden Apartments, Bangalore - 560068<br>**Branch: Chandra Layout, Bengaluru** | **Schedule "A" Property :** All that piece and parcel of property land Sy No 8/P1 (Old Sy No 8), measuring 0-35 Guntas and Sy No 9/1, measuring 2 Acres 05 Guntas in total 3 Acres situated at Heelalige Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore (Vide Conversion Order No BDS.ALN;(A)SR 44/2005-2006, dated 27.04.2005 by Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore urban and APA/LAO/83/2011-2012 dated 14.02.2013 issued by Town and Country joint planning authority and Director of Anekal Planning Authority) together with all the rights, appurtenances whether underneath or above the surface and bounded by; East by: Land belonging to Shambaiah, West by: Road, North by: Land belonging to Muniyappa, South by: Land belonging to Shambaiah & Halla.<br>**SCHEDULE B PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel an extent of 373.135 Sq Ft in the Schedule 'A' Property (Undivided Interest)<br>**SCHEDULE C PROPERTY** : All that residential apartment bearing No G11, in Ground Floor, Block No 3, of "MAYUR BRUNDAVAN" built in Schedule 'A' Property and measuring 900 Sq Ft of super built up area which inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use with 373.135 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in the land in Schedule 'A' Property vide E-Khata No 150200100600520278, duly issued by the Chandhapura Grama Panchayathi with RCC framed structure, concrete block, masonry, main door teak frame and steam beach veneered flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush, shutters, powder coated aluminium windows with glass and safety grills, vitrified flooring etc., and bounded by; East by: Flat No G14, West by: Flat No G06, North by: Flat No G10,South by: Flat No G12. | **Rs. 80,48,212.83 (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and Eighty Three Paise Only) as on 31.01.2025 plus Further interest and other charges.** | **27.02.2025 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**<br>**Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 27.02.2025 till 5 PM** | **Reserve Price: Rs.30,40,000/-**<br>**EMD Amount: Rs.3,04,000/-**<br>**Bid Increase Amount: Rs.50,000/-** | **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** | **WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER** |
| 3 | **(1) Smt. Shylaja K V W/o. Narasimhaiah.M,**<br>No.49, 2nd Cross, Bloom Field Garden, Ramachandrapura, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097<br>**(2) Sri. Narasimhaiah.M S/o. Late Muniyappa,**<br>No.49, 2nd Cross, Bloom Field Garden, Ramachandrapura, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097<br>**Branch: Peenya 2nd Stage** | **Schedule "A" Property :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old Corporation No.15, 15/1, 16 and 16/1, Now assigned as consolidated Corporation No.15, PID No.1-39-15, situated at S.M. Road, Jalahalli West, Bangalore -560015, Peenya Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, previously BBMP Ward No.1, presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, totally measuring 4544 square feet out of entire Measuring 22993 Square Feet and bounded on, East by : Private Property, West by : Private Property, North by : Road, South by: Road and private property.<br>**Schedule "B" Property :** 394 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the schedule "A" property.<br>**Schedule "C" Property :** All the piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing Flat No. C-06, in the 1st Floor, in the "C" Block, in the building known as "Global Aura Project", having Super Built Up Area measuring 2,000 Square Feet, constructed on Schedule "A" property with right to pass through the area leading to the main road and free egress and ingress and entitled for all the common areas and amenities with covered Car parking. | **Rs. 1,51,43,668.94 (Rupees One Crore Fifty One Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight and Ninety Four Paise Only) as on 31.01.2025 Plus further, interest and other charges.** | **27.02.2025 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**<br>**Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 27.02.2025 till 5 PM** | **Reserve Price: Rs.63,70,000/-**<br>**EMD Amount: Rs.6,37,000/-**<br>**Bid Increase Amount: Rs.50,000/-** | **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** | **WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER** |
| 4 | **(1) M/s H A Traders rep. by its Prop. Mrs. Anusha T N,** No.3, 1st Cross, Shirdi Sai Ratan Layout, RK Hegde Nagar, Rachenahalli, Bengaluru – 560077.<br>**(2) Mrs. Anusha T N, (3) Mr. Sunil Kumar R** Both 2 and 3 resides at No.1666, 6th Cross, MCECHS Layout, Phase II, Jakkur, Bangalore – 560064<br>Also at: Site No-29, Ward No-3, Narayanappa Layout, Rosypura Village, Nandihills Road, Doddaballapura, Bangalore -561203.<br>**Branch: MSRIT Branch** | All that piece and parcel of the Site No.53, Khatha No.2395/53, East to West 10.36mts, North to South 9.75mts, Herebedanur Village & Hobli Gowrebidanur Taluk, Chikkabalapura District & bounded on : East by : Site No.48, West by : 9mts Road, North by : Land, South by : Site No.52. | **Rs. 81,93,312.36 (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Twelve and Thirty Six Paise Only) as on 31.01.2025 plus Further interest and other charges.** | **27.02.2025 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**<br>**Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 27.02.2025 till 5 PM** | **Reserve Price: Rs. 7,70,000/-**<br>**EMD Amount: Rs. 77,000/-**<br>**Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 25,000/-** | **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** | **WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER** |
| 5 | **(1) Chethan Kumar N,**<br>No 77/3 Prakash Layout Rajabhavi Road Varthuru , Bangalore - 560087<br>**Branch: Kamakshipalya** | **Schedule "A" Property:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing BBMP katha No 134/471/33/1 totally measuring 73,758 sq ft formed in Sy No 33/1, situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, duly converted from agricultural purposes to non agricultural residential usage Vide No BDS.ALN.SR(S):553/04-05 dated 02.04.05 issued by special Deputy commissioner, Bangalore District and Bounded as follows: East by: BDA Property, West by:60 Feet BDA road, North by:BDA property, South by:40 Feet Road<br>**Schedule "B" Property:** 526.05 sq feet of undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in schedule A above.<br>**Schedule "C" Property:** All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No 419, in 3BHK in fourth floor of Hibiscus Block in a residential apartment known as "Eden Blossoms" consisting of three bed rooms, a kitchen with utility, dining and living room with balcony measuring 1350sq ft of super built up area and one car parking space with stilt floor. | **Rs. 96,56,691.38 (Rupees Ninety Six Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One and Thirty Eight Paise Only) as on 31.01.2025 Plus further, interest and other charges.** | **27.02.2025 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**<br>**Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 27.02.2025 till 5 PM** | **Reserve Price: Rs.56,70,000/-**<br>**EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 5,67,000/-**<br>**Bid Increment Amount: Rs.25,000/-** | **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** | **WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER** |
| 6 | **(1) S K Mohammed Salim & Asmotara Begum,**<br>#165/15 And 38 3rd Floor 5th Main Hosa Gudda Halli Pipeline Road Manjunatha Bangalore -560026<br>**Branch: Yelahanka Old Town** | **Schedule "A" Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy Nos.30,31, & 32, measuring 13 Acre 01 Guntas, situated at Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, within the revenue jurisdiction of BMRDA, Bangalore in the project called as 'La-Ville Township" and bounded on, East by : Survey No 142 and 145, West by : Survey No 177, North by : Survey No.28 and 29 South by : Survey No 47,<br>**Schedule "B" Property:** All that piece and parcel of the residential plot bearing No.73, having E Khatha No.150200102700422552 No.248/73 bearing residential plot measuring East to West 11.085mts North to South 7.240mts, in all measuring 80.26sq.mtrs in the schedule A property situated at Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site No.103, North by : Site No.74, South by : Private Property. | **Rs. 22,61,458.61 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Eight and Sixty One Paise Only) as on 31.01.2025 Plus further, interest and other charges.** | **27.02.2025 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**<br>**Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 27.02.2025 till 5 PM** | **Reserve Price: Rs. 20,50,000/-**<br>**EMD Amount: Rs. 2,05,000/-**<br>**Bid Increment Amount: Rs.25,000/-** | **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** | **WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER** |
| 7 | **1) Sri M Raghavendra (Borrower),**<br>**2) Smt Ashalatha M Rao (Co applicant),**<br>**Address -** 161/162, Sector 2, Nobo Nagar, Sos Post, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076.<br>**Branch : Peenya 2nd Stage Branch** | **Schedule 'A' Property:** All that piece and parcel of property land Sy No 43, measuring to the extent of 1 acre 14 Guntas including 4 guntas of Kharab situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Khatha no 220/43 converted for Residential purpose Vide Conversion Order No ALN(S.U)SR-174/2010-2011, dated 03.05.2011 , BBMP ward no 192 and bounded by: East by: Re-Sy No 61(Quarry), West by: Private Property, North by: Sy No 44 and Road, South by: Himagiri Properties(Sy Nos. 42 & 130).<br>**Schedule 'B' Property:** All that piece and parcel an extent of 317.28 Sq Ft in the Schedule 'A' Property (Undivided Interest)<br>**Schedule 'C' Property:** A Two bedroom apartment bearing Flat No 203, in C Block, Situated on the Second Floor of the Building known as "PRUTHVI ROYAL" Constructed on Schedule 'A' Property with a super built up area of 1232.00 Sq. ft along with one covered car parking space which inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use with 317.28 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in the land in Schedule 'A' Property and bounded by; East by: Flat No C-202, West by: Flat No C-204, North by: Entrance Corridor, South by: Open to Sky. | **Rs. 58,12,835.77 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five and Seventy Seven Paise Only) as on 31.01.2025 plus Further interest and other charges.** | **27.02.2025 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**<br>**Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 27.02.2025 till 5 PM** | **Reserve Price: Rs.46,00,000/-**<br>**EMD Amount: Rs. 4,60,000/-**<br>**Bid Increase Amount: Rs.25,000/-** | **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** | **WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER** |
| 8 | **1) Sri Srinidhi V (Borrower),**<br>**2) Smt Arundhathi K S (Co applicant),**<br>**3) Venkata Krishna (Guarantor)**<br>**All are residing at:** #580/56(345) 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Hanumantha Nagar, Goviopuram Extension, Bengaluru 560058.<br>**Branch : Peenya 2nd Stage Branch** | **Schedule 'A' Property:** All that piece and parcel of property land Sy No 43, measuring to the extent of 1 acre 14 Guntas including 4 guntas of Kharab situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Khatha no 220/43 converted for Residential purpose Vide Conversion Order No ALN(S.U)SR-174/2010-2011, dated 03.05.2011 , BBMP ward no 192 and bounded by: East by: Re-Sy No 61(Quarry), West by: Private Property, North by: Sy No 44 and Road, South by: Himagiri Properties(Sy Nos. 42 & 130).<br>**Schedule 'B' Property:** All that piece and parcel an extent of 316.78 Sq Ft in the Schedule 'A' Property (Undivided Interest).<br>**Schedule 'C' Property:** A Two bedroom apartment bearing Flat No 301, in C Block,Situated on the Third Floor of the Building known as "PRUTHVI ROYAL" Constructed on Schedule 'A' Property with a super built up area of 1229.13 Sq. ft along with one covered car parking space which inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use with 316.78 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in the land in Schedule 'A' Property and bounded by; East by: Lobby, West by: Open Space, North by: Flat No 302, South by: Open Space. | **Rs.57,36,362.80 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Two and Eighty Paise Only) as on 31.01.2025 plus Further interest and other charges.** | **27.02.2025 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**<br>**Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 27.02.2025 till 5 PM** | **Reserve Price: Rs.45,50,000/-**<br>**EMD Amount: Rs.4,55,000**<br>**Bid Increase Amount: Rs.25,000/-** | **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** | **WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER** |
| 9 | **(1) Mrs. Indu Narayanappa,** No.191, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Near Post Office, Viveknagar, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560047. **(2) Mr. Srinath. N,** No.191, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Near Post Office, Viveknagar, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560047.<br>**Branch : Cox Town** | All that piece and parcel of the property bearing HAL Sanitary Board House No.97, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP having New Municipal No.2426/1, PID No.74-138-2426/1, measuring East to West 22 Feet, North to South 62 Feet, totally measuring 1364 Square Feet, situated at 16th 'A' Main Road, 2nd 'E' Cross, Kodihalli, HAL 2nd Stage, BBMP Ward No.74, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru, and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Property No.2426, North by: 16th A Main Road, South by: Remaining Vacant portion of same property and thereafter property bearing No.2431/1. | **Rs. 1,63,44,690.29 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Three Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety and Twenty Nine Paise Only) Upto as on 09.02.2025 Plus further interest and other charges** | **27.02.2025 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM**<br>**Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 27.02.2025 till 5 PM** | **RESERVE PRICE: Rs.1,30,00,000/-**<br>**EMD AMOUNT: Rs.13,00,000/-**

KEYWORD

# The banality of evil: learning about Gaza from Nazi history

What a moral philosopher's view of the life and career of Nazi officer Adolf Eichmann can tell us about our own beleaguered age, especially in the backdrop of the Israel-Palestine war

Prathmesh Kher

Neither perverted nor sadistic', but 'terrifyingly normal' is how historian and philosopher Hannah Arendt had described Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi officer in charge of the mass deportation of millions of Jews to the extermination camps across Nazi-occupied Europe. Arendt had reported on the trial of Eichmann, and described it in her seminal work *Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil*. The subtitle of the book has achieved independent notoriety, with the expression 'banality of evil' often being employed to describe the "innumerable men in the federal and state administrations and, generally, in public office whose careers had bloomed under the Hitler regime".

**In absolute ruin:** Displaced Palestinians walk through a muddy road amid the destruction in Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip on February 6. AFP

**Normal people, evil deeds**

The expression was coined to describe the behaviour of the proverbial "cautious bureaucrat" whose "deeds were monstrous" and yet the doer "quite ordinary, commonplace, and neither demonic nor monstrous". The description was apt not merely for Nazi-era bureaucrats but also for the many "good Germans" who stood by haplessly as millions were sent to death. Furthermore, the very decade that witnessed the barbarism of the Holocaust witnessed the profound dereliction of the British government in famine afflicted India or the purges in erstwhile USSR.

These were well-oiled states that allowed their individual members to acquiesce their personal responsibility to allow for the commission of crimes so vast and heinous that they beggar the imagination. What is further beleaguering is the realisation that many of the people who had to partake in these cruelties were perfectly civil and courteous in private life. By all accounts, Eichmann was a family man. His last words were reportedly: "I greet my wife, my family and my friends. I am ready. We'll meet again soon, as is the fate of all men. I die believing in God."

During his trial, half a dozen psychologists, who had examined Eichmannn, had submitted that "his whole psychological outlook, his attitude toward his wife and children, mother and father, brothers, sisters, and friends," was "not only normal but most desirable". Another contemporaneous figure said that he was "a man with very positive ideas." His last moments were not the wrangling of some deranged lunatic but rather a modest drink of dry wine. Not exactly the bloodlust of a psychopath. But the 'banality of evil' was not meant to be a mere insight into one man but rather a look into what drove hundreds and thousands of administrative officials to engage in what they knew would lead to the death of millions.

During his trial, Eichmann had referred back to Immanuel Kant's idea of a categorical imperative in defence of his actions, and argued that that he had always done his "duty" without reference to other considerations. Arendt was shocked at the rather tenuous use of an enlightenment concept of ethics in defence of a horrifying genocide. In Arendt's understanding Eichmann "was not stupid". It was "sheer thoughtlessness" not "identical with stupidity" that inclined him to become "one of the greatest criminals of that period".

A stark contrast to Arendt's observations, in the book *Eichmann Before Jerusalem*, the German historian Bettina Stangneth explores another side to the man besides the banal, apparently apolitical administrator, merely working as any other career bureaucrat.

Through a careful consideration of the audiotapes of Eichmann's interviews by the Nazi collaborator and journalist William Sassen, Eichmann is revealed as a sworn ideologue strongly committed to National Socialist dogma. He expresses neither remorse nor guilt for his role in the Holocaust. This is no simple bureaucratic officer merely following distasteful orders but a radically extremist functionary living behind the mask of an unglamorous official.

These notions of otherwise good Germans who simply followed orders takes a particularly stark appraisal in our own day and age.

**Here and now**

The incumbent U.S. President Donald Trump has advocated for the ownership of the Gazan enclave by the Americans, and has proposed its transformation into an "international city". He has in the past made remarks about "cleaning out" Gaza and has suggested that Gazans "should not be going back to Gaza" since it has been "very unlucky for them", where they have "lived like hell".

He has proposed that Gaza could be made "a good, fresh, beautiful piece of land" as it is a "phenomenal location, on the sea, the best weather", and has called it effectively a "Riviera" of West Asia that "could be so magnificent". Trump said the U.S. would play the lead role in this real estate development that would make Gaza into "an international, unbelievable place". But it would not have the Palestinians getting back to Gaza; most of them would be relocated in other countries, while "representatives from all over the world would live there". Under his plan, Trump said that Gazans "would have already been resettled in far safer and more beautiful communities, with new and modern homes, in the region".

Trump's words echo the "sheer thoughtlessness" that Arendt spoke of with regards to Eichmann. It is not some sadistic act with malice writ large but rather something done with the sheer bluster of someone hoping to make their mark on the pages of history.

There are many who also feel that Palestinians as a whole must pay for Hamas' crimes. This too reverberates a pernicious idea of the 'blood libel' that was affixed onto the Jews as a whole by bigoted Christians – an idea which became the fount of the hate that allowed for the callous murder of millions of innocents during the Holocaust. The doctrine of collective guilt necessarily leads to collective punishment, and with it a denial of the autonomy that individuals have in the face of social control. Human history is littered with such mass violations of innocents lives, and in all cases a political machinery manned by bureaucrats and administrators becomes requisite to eliminate those fellow human lives.

**Whence and wherefore**

It must be noted that under international law, attempts to forcibly transfer a population from occupied territory are strictly prohibited. It must also be mentioned that 15 months of sustained fighting have left the Gaza Strip, largely uninhabitable, with nigh 50,000 people having been killed and nearly twice as many injured. It must be pointed out that it was the Democrats, who had allowed President Biden to provision Israel with massive arms sales, to continue its war with Hamas.

These observations are important to remind us that the many bureaucrats and officials working in these disparate nation states are faced with the prospect of "following orders". They can as Eichmann did, choose to further their own careers while forcing out hapless victims out of their homes in order to make way for condominiums and casinos, with the best prospect of the victims' return being in the form of factotums employed to serve the very people who forced them out in the first place. The bureaucrats and officers in charge of these programmes that are being put forth must judge for themselves how they wish to conduct in the face of these "orders" from high above.

These choices are not easy, particularly for those who still retain a conscience while being employed while still having to worry about their own survival.

While the idea that so many individuals who had participated in the Holocaust were merely "following orders" came under much criticism, many could not imagine what sort of resistance a meagre bureaucrat could offer against the state, particularly a dictatorial one.

Responding to the criticism in a speech titled 'Personal responsibility under dictatorship', Arendt argues that an "adult consents where a child obeys". George Sabine once wrote that "even the most despotic government cannot hold a society together by sheer force".

Arendt similarly recalls the Madisonian dictum that even the worst of tyrannies "rest on consent". Arendt argues that in such a situation it is "better to suffer than to do wrong" even when doing wrong is the law.

By suffering through the rejection of a law that is evil, one might in Arendt's words recover a "measure of self-confidence and even pride" and "regain what former times called the dignity or the honour" of "being human".

FROM THE ARCHIVES

# *Know your English*

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"What is the meaning of 'personality'?"

"In India, it is used in the sense of physical features. A person who has good physical features is said to have a good personality. But it is not the real meaning of 'personality'. 'Personality' means "the distinctive character or qualities of a person". It doesn't refer to the physical features of a person. It is also used to refer to a famous person. He is a TV personality. "He has a personality of his own" means "he has a distinctive character or lively qualities."

"What is personality cult?"

"The excessive admiration of a famous person, especially a political leader is called personality cult. It is often used in a derogatory sense. There is something in the soil of India which promotes and nourishes personality cult. Incidentally, 'personality' without 'i' after 'l' is a legal term which means "one's personal property or estate." This is the opposite of realty or real estate which means "immovable property, consisting of land, building, etc."

"What is the meaning of 'captious'?"

"A person is captious when he raises objections about unimportant matters. This is a formal word."

"What is 'potamology'?"

"It is a branch of science that deals with rivers. It is from Greek 'potamos', river. The first and second 'o' in the word are pronounced like the 'o' in 'hot'. The 'a' and the third 'o' are pronounced like the 'a' in 'China'."

"What is the difference between 'colloquial' and 'formal language'?"

" 'Colloquial' language is language used in informal conversation. Informal means language of familiar, everyday affairs. Formal language is the kind of language you find used on formal occasions. Look at the following passages.

(a) We finally got to the game and went to our seats right away. Boy, it sure felt cold, and were we up high. I kicked myself all over for not wearing heavier clothing. Our seats were on the goal line, which isn't very good. I made a big mistake not joining the Rooter Club. Those lucky bums were on about the 40-yard line.

(b) It was a very impressive spectacle somewhat reminiscent of stories about ancient Roman pageantry, but it was immediately obvious that such a massive formation of musicians could not be used in a serious musical endeavour, primarily due to the considerable distance between the musicians at opposite ends of the formation and the fact that sound travels at a fairly slow velocity, rendering it almost impossible for the sounds from all of the instruments to reach the ear of a listener simultaneously on any given beat.

We'll discuss levels of language next week."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

# Toponymy is the study of place names. A quiz on how some places got their names

Vasudevan Mukunth

**QUESTION 1**

Many people living in this city call it "Chatigaon". The Portuguese called it the "Grand Harbour of Bengal". Ibn Battuta called it "Sadkawan". Its current name is derived from that given by a 9th century Burmese invader, in whose language it meant "to make war is improper". Name the city.

**QUESTION 2**

In 1989, one conflict in this (now erstwhile) country was over whether the two halves of its name should be hyphenated. Opponents to the idea said the hyphenation was reminiscent of Nazi Germany's annexation of the territory denoted by the second half. Name the country.

**QUESTION 3**

This region has in the past been called "Pathanistan". The British called it the "North West Frontier Province". Political efforts to rename the area ultimately led to a two-word name in 2020, one representing the local Pashtun people and the other the non-Pashtun. What's the name?

**QUESTION 4**

In the Turkish language, this water body is called the "Gulf of Basra". The Iranian Shia cleric Sadegh Khalkhali suggested the name "Muslim Gulf" but it lost favour after Iran invaded Iraq in 1980. Name it.

**QUESTION 5**

The name of this country is also the historic name of a region in Iran. Specifically, it was the name of a region south of the Aras river. When the Russian empire collapsed in 1918, the country was born on the river's north, and assumed the name of the southern region. Name the country.

**Visual question:**

This British Overseas Territory in the south Atlantic Ocean is an archipelago. A part of its flag is shown above. Argentina calls the territory "Malvinas", which the islanders reputedly dislike due to its association with a 1982 incident. Name the territory. PUBLIC DOMAIN

**Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz**: 1. This pop singer was brought in to perform at halftime in 1993. **Ans: Michael Jackson**

2. This artist was picked up by a helicopter from stage for her exit at the 1996 Super Bowl. **Ans: Dianna Rose; her outro song was 'Take Me Higher'**

3. Name the hit TV show and the episode which was aired as a lead-out after the game in 1996. **Ans: *Friends*, 'The One after the Superbowl'**

4. The halftime event during the first Super Bowl in 1967. **Ans: Marching bands of the University of Arizona and Grambling State University**

5. Name the artist who revealed her pregnancy to the world during her halftime performance. **Ans: Rihanna**

Visual: Name the singer and his song. **Ans: Prince; 'Purple Rain'**

**Early Birds:** Viswanadha Rao Batchu| Siddhartha Viswanathan| Piyali Tuli| K.N. Viswanathan| Tamal Biswas

## Word of the day

**Wrangle:**
an instance of intense argument (as in bargaining); an angry dispute; to quarrel noisily, angrily or disruptively

Synonyms: haggle, brawl

Usage: *The wrangle over ownership of the house dragged on for years.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/wranglepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈɹæŋgl̩/

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# ‘Challenges continue in indigenisation of critical comonents for defence items’

Some of the components that India is looking at for new acquisition includes Rafale fighter aircraft and Apache helicopters.

**Sharath S. Srivatsa**
BENGALURU

As the Indian armed forces look to indigenise critical components for defence items, hundreds of products identified to be locally produced are being showcased to the private sector at the Aero India 2025 currently underway in Bengaluru.

While a large number of those are for the decades-old hardware that need replacement, some of the components that India is looking at for new acquisitions such as Rafale fighter aircraft and Apache helicopters.

While more than 13,400 parts/components have been indigenised, more than 37,900 defence items have been listed in the positive indigenisation list by the government last year. These are to be manufactured locally involving the private sector, especially the MSMEs.

A large number of these components are for equipment, vehicles, aircraft and helicopters among others sourced from Russia, France and Israel, sources said.

The Indian Air Force is looking at avionics, electronics and mechanical parts besides others for MI 17, Sukhoi MK30, MIG 29, Rafale (in picture), Mirage 2000, AN 32 and IL 76. PTI

“The component can be a small bolt to a big spare. For example, the production of side gear box for T-90 was successfully indigenised recently.”

The Indian Air Force is looking at avionics, electronics and mechanical parts besides others for MI 17, Sukhoi MK30, MIG 29, Rafale, Mirage 2000, AN 32 and IL 76. “There are about 130 critical items identified for indigenisation and displayed at Aero India. This is a miniscule number compared to what we require,” sources said.

**Challenges**
The indigenisation process started years ago to save foreign exchange and limit the delay in procurement but it still faces acute challenges, acknowledged an official in the Directorate of Indigenisation.

“Since the component required is part of scheduled maintenance, getting them manufactured here is a challenge as bulk orders cannot be placed. Even the orders cannot be sustained regularly. It may be difficult for MSMEs to invest on manufacturing small quantum,” an official said, adding that at times the components are not available in the market or are available at a very high cost.

“Procurement process itself can be delayed or the government may end up paying 10 to 20 times more.”

**Production**
Another official said that though transfer of technology would have taken place, specifics for production of components are not explained.

“India’s strength in metallurgy is not strong. The original equipment manufacturers (OEM) do not share specific details about heat treatment, making it tough for us to produce. In this situation, India is looking at alternative components. Some may pass the stress test and some may not.”

In a few components, there are times when indigenous manufacturing of parts has failed, sources said.

Even among those components for which design and drawings are made available by the OEM as part of transfer of technology, it becomes difficult to manufacture in India, sources said.

# Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team continues to inspire awe

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team showcasing manoeuvres in their red-and-white Hawk Mk-132 jets on the second day of Aero India on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Captivating the public with their scintillating aerial display, the Indian Air Force’A Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) has held the interest of the air enthusiasts in the absence of the IAF’s helicopter aerobatic team Sarang in this edition of Aero India.

Performing their breathtaking manoeuvres, the nine-aircraft formation of the Hawk MK132 trainers has been the mainstay of the air show so far, besides the excitement generated over the presence of SU-57 and F-35 fighter aircraft.

**Tricolour smoke**
An addition to the dazzle in the sky has been the introduction of the tricolour smoke instead of white smoke for the first time in Bengaluru sky. The team added colour in September 2024 by making changes to the Gun Pod located on the aircraft’s belly.

The addition of colours, Wing Commander Rajesh Kajla, said had added to the beauty of manoeuvres. “Now, we have introduced new manoeuvres and reduced the time gap between the manoeuvres keeping safety in mind. We have made sure that there is no lull period and public can enjoy the show,” he said.

He said a full display of the team would last for about 25 minutes, which includes, composite display when all nine aircraft are together, and synchronised display. “All manoeuvres are risky and one has to pay attention to all detail and we need to focus fully,” he said.

Low level aerobatics are performed between as low as 100 ft and a maximum height of 7,000 ft in a journey radius of about 5 nautical miles. Of the 14 pilots in the SKAT, nine will be performing in the show while others are part of training to join the main team. Each pilot has a tenure of three years and joining SKAT is voluntary.

“This is my first time in Aero India and it is a challenging task. Every day is a new learning experience for us,” said Sqn. Ldr. V.S. Vishnu, who has been associated with Bidar-based SKAT for one and a half years. The team practises for six months and performs across various cities for another six months. About 25 manoeuvres are performed by the team in each show.

**Adrenaline rush**
On what motivates the fighter pilots of the IAF to make a temporary move from their flying squadrons, Sqn. Ldr. Vishnu, a Sukhoi 30 MKI pilot, said, “Flying in SKAT gives us adrenalin rush and we are happy to be motivating youth to join the air force.”

# Aero India: Ballari Road sees heavy traffic congestion

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Commuters stuck in a traffic jam on the road leading to KIA between Yelahanka and Air Force Station on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Commuters heading towards Kempegowda International Airport and Aero India show on Tuesday morning faced severe traffic congestion on Ballari Road as thousands made their way to Aero India 2025 on the second day.

Traffic moved at a snail’s pace for nearly four kilometres, with vehicles inching forward for over three hours. A significantly higher number of delegates, exhibitors, and journalists attended the second day, which featured multiple static displays and ten flying demonstrations.

The increased footfall contributed to the bottleneck, leading to long delays for those travelling on the route. According to commuters, the situation was dire as vehicles remained stalled near Hebbal junction as early as 8 a.m. The congestion worsened over the next few hours, with traffic slowing to a crawl near Kogilu Cross, about 3.5 km from the Yelahanka Air Force Station entrance.

“I was stuck for nearly an hour just trying to cross Kogilu Cross. The traffic was completely choked,” said Rahul N., a commuter. However, not all travellers faced the same ordeal in the evening. “I experienced traffic in the morning but in the evening, it was smooth and I reached without much hassle to Central Business District,” said another commuter, Ravindra K.

Visitors at Aero India at Yelahanka Air Force Station on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

# TASL to establish MRO facility in State

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) will establish a state-of-the-art Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility in Karnataka to support the Indian Air Force’s Lockheed Martin’s C-130J fleet.

“Karnataka continues to solidify its position as a premier destination for aerospace and defence innovation, with TASL expanding its operations in the state. Backed by Karnataka’s strong infrastructure, skilled workforce, and industry-friendly policies, these investments will support technological growth, job creation, and global collaborations in the aerospace sector,” according to a State government statement.

# Consulate General of Italy to soon appoint scientific attache

**Shilpa Elizabeth**
BENGALURU

The Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru will soon appoint a scientific attaché, said Antonio Bartoli, Ambassador of Italy to India.

“In view of having this consulate covering the innovation side, we will post a scientific attachè in Bengaluru. We have this idea of creating a platform to help dialogue between our start-ups and the Indian ecosystem,” said Mr. Bartoli.

He and Matteo Perego di Cremnago, Italian Undersecretary of Defence, were talking to media persons after attending the Aero India show in the city.

**Defence partnership**
With respect to partnerships in defence areas, Mr. Cremnago expressed interest in the transfer of technology and knowledge.

“We want to partner with India and have this approach of coproduction and transfer of know-how and technology more than selling products,” he said.

> We have this idea of creating a platform to help dialogue between our start-ups and the Indian ecosystem.
> **ANTONIO BARTOLI,** Ambassador of Italy to India.

“Our priority is to focus on defence in different domains which involve maritime, cyber and airforce. For all these domains we discussed proposals today morning (sic). We will look at opportunities where we can help the Indian government in building capabilities, shipyards,” Mr. Cremnago said.

**Collaboration**
He further added that Italy is looking at opportunities to work with India in innovation and new technologies such as cyber domain, artificial intelligence and quantum computing.

“Bengaluru is the place to be for that, knowing that there is an ecosystem for new technologies here which is booming. So we want to be part of this growth for everyone, for our companies to be here,” he said. After several years of strained relationship, India and Italy started mending ties in 2018 after then-Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte visited India. Both countries have since then enhanced their areas of cooperation, laid out strategic action plans and conducted joint naval exercises.

Mr. Cremnago noted that Italy would soon deploy another asset from the Italian navy.

“This is a clear message that we want to be here, we want to partner with you, specifically in the maritime domain there are big opportunities for our companies,” he said adding that Italy’s defence minister will visit India in March to meet Rajnath Singh.

Mr. Bartoli also noted that Italy would like to sign a collaboration agreement to make it more convenient to use India as a hub for containers.

# Case registered over sourcing CDRs to cheating case accused

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Chandra Layout police have registered a case against unidentified police personnel for allegedly helping an accused access call detail records (CDR) of four individuals.

Bharath S. Reddy, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Byatarayanapura Subdivision, who is probing cheating cases against Aishwarya Gowda, who allegedly cheated a jeweller claiming to be the sister of former MP D. K. Suresh, lodged a complaint with Chandra Layout police on the illegal access of CDRs.

The incident came to light when Ms. Gowda’s phone was seized in the cheating case and sent for a forensic examination.

After obtaining court permission, the phones were sent to the West Division CEN police station for data extraction.

Upon examination, investigators found the CDR of four individuals, including the complainant against her.

The CDRs are the private data of an individual and can only be accessed by law enforcement agencies when required forinvestigations after following due procedure and required permission from the authorities concerned.

However, Ms. Gowda, who had no authorisation to obtain these records had misused them to threaten and extort money with the help of officials who are working in the department, sources said.

The police stated that a case was registered under Sections 120B and 409 of the Indian Penal Code, along with Section 72 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and Telecommunication Act, 2023.

Ms. Gowda has been summoned by the police for questioning on the source of CDRs found in her phone.

# Man convicted of murder

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Tumakuru second Additional District and Session Court on Monday convicted a private firm employee for murdering his estranged wife six years ago sentencing him to life term imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh.

The accused, identified as Lohit, working as a graphic designer at a private firm was married to Arpitha, 20, later got separated over a marital dispute. Arpita was working as an attendant at a petrol pump station in Yeshwanthpura.

According to the police, the victim used the mobile phone gifted earlier by the accused. The accused suspected the victim of having an affair following the separation so he asked her to return the phone but she reportedly refused.

This enraged the accused, who hatched a plan to kill her, police said.

The parents lodged a complaint suspecting Lohith’s involvement, based on which the police gathered the CCTV camera footageand later arrested him.

# Lecturers’ association seeks decentralisation of evaluation centres

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Pre-University College Lecturers Association has requested the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) to decentralise the evaluation centres for II PUC Science subjects.

In a petition submitted to the KSEAB Chairman, the association detailed the challenges they faced during the evaluation, as several of them had to travel all the way to Bengaluru from various districts. “The evaluators have to stay in Bengaluru for at least 10 days and it would be difficult for them to arragements for accommodation. Considering these issues, the board must decentralise the evaluation centres to other districts too,” the association said.

Meanwhile, the association has also requested to make evaluation optional for lecturers above 55 years of age and those with health issues.

**Text & Context and Science**

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (February 12, Wednesday), the following articles are available:

- How will freeze on USAID affect the world? **newsth.live/usaidexp**
- Asian elephants change scientists’ minds about why elephants trumpet **newsth.live/elephantstrumpet**

You can use your smartphone’s inbuilt features to access these articles. If it’s an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access an article. If it’s an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

## Department of Tourism

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Karnataka One State, Many worlds Department of Tourism

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪ್ರಇ/ಯೋ–7/49/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.02.2025

### TENDER NOTIFICATION

The following tender is published on the Electronic Procurement Platform (KPPP) for the development of tourism by the Karnataka Tourism Department. Schedule and tender documents related to tenders will be available on e-procurement platform **(https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**

| Sl. No | Work Name | Indent No | Event Date Description |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Selection of Project Development and Management Consultant (PDMC) for Development of Ecotourism and Cultural Hub at Roerich and Devika Rani Estate, Bengaluru Urban District in Karnataka under SASCI Scheme. Call-2 | DT/2024-25/SE0073 | Opening Date for Submitting Bids :11.02.25 Last Date for Submitting Bids:18.02.25 |

Tender details are available on e-procurement platform **(https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** for download from **11.02.2025**. EMD amount and tender processing fee should be paid electronically at **(https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**. Interested organizations are required to register on the e-procurement platform to participate in the said tender.

**Sd/-**
**Executive Engineer and**
**Tender Inviting Authority, Department of Tourism**

DIPR/CP/4974/Zen/2024-25

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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA,**
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,**
**RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR.**

**e-Procurement No.397 / Dated : 06.02.2025**

Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of **Odisha State Rural Roads Agency** invites **Percentage ( %)** bids through e_ Procurement from eligible class of experienced bidders for construction of Bridges including maintenance for 5 years under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana PMGSY-III, Batch-III of 2024-25.**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name of work. | : | Balance work of Improvement to road andCD works under PMGSY-III, Package No.OR-28-307/Batch-III, (Goudapali to Saplot to Bhagipali via Haldibahal, Kumkapali, Pathamunda, Mudhenpali Sardhabhal,Saplot) for the year 2024-25 in the district of Sambalpur. |
| 2 | Class of Contractor. | : | As mentioned in Annexure |
| 3 | No of packages. | : | **01 No** of Package |
| 4 | Estimated cost | : | **Approx. Rs.110.16 Lakhs** (Information in DTCN will be Final) |
| 5 | Bid submission fee | : | **Rs.10,000/-** (Non-Refundable) per set of package |
| 6 | Mode of submission of tender | : | Only through online in website **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in.** |
| 7 | **Summary of key dates are provided below:** | | |

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No. | Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From | To | Last Date & Time for seeking clarification | Last Date and time of submission of Original documents | Date & Time of Opening of tender Technical Bid | Financial Bid |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur. | **PMGSY-Online-RWCSBP-18/2024-25** | **12.02.2025 From 11.00.A.M.** | **27.02.2025 Up to 05.00 P.M.** | **25.01.2025 Up to 5.00.P.M.** | **03.03.2025 By 5.00.PM** | **28.01.2025 At 11.00.A.M.** | **Will be intimated later** |

* **Special conditions:** **1**- EPF registration is mandatory before drawl of agreement. **2** - Rate quoted by the contractor shall be excluding GST. **3** - Bid submission fee and original affidavits should be submitted at the O/o Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur **or** O/o Executive Engineer / Superintending Engineer of Concern Rural Works Division.
* Details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**
* Subsequent modification/corrigendum/Addendum if required shall be appeared in the website only.

**Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.**

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ಸಂ.ತಾ.ಸಾ.ಆ.ಮ/ಹೊ.ಗ್ರೂಡಿ/05/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.02.2025

### "Notice of Tender"

Subject:-Group "D" Vacancy in Taluk General Hospital, Madhugiri for the year 2025-26. Karnataka Public Procurement to fill up the posts on out sourcing basis regarding the tender being called through.
Taluk General Hospital, Madhugiri has invited tenders under the Karnataka Public Procurement from eligible tenderers registered with the Department of E-Governance to provide services for the vacant Group "D" posts on outsourcing basis. Interested contractors may submit tender documents from Date:06.02.2025 to Date:26.02.2025 Details can be obtained and downloaded at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and tenders can be submitted online on the above website Date: 26.02.2025 up to 4.00 PM Further information can be obtained from the Chief Medical Officer, Taluk General Hospital, Madhugiri during office hours.
Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) Tender Time List
Detail & Date: 1. Date of Tender Publication on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal 06.02.2025 10:00 AM. 2. Date of submission of Tender Application in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal
06.02.2025 10:00 AM. 3. Last date and time for submission of tender application on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal
26.02.2025till 4.00 p.m. 4. Technical Tender Opening Date & Time on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal 28.02.2025 10.30 AM. 5. Financial Tender Opening Date & Time on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal 02.03.2025 11.00 AM. If any of the above dates is declared as a public holiday, the next working date will be considered.

Sdi/-Chief Medical Officers
Taluk General Hospital Madhugiri, Tumkur District.

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## BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

### INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through kpp portal)

BWSSB invites tenders from registered Agencies for the following works.

**Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.**

| Sl. No. | Division | IFT Number | Amount put to tender / EMD Amount | Last date & time for receipt of tender | Date & time for opening of tender |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (South-East)-2 | BWSSB/EE(SE)-2/TO/PB/3191/ 2024-25 Date: 10.02.2025 (4th CALL) | Rs.70,86,992/- | 19.02.2025 upto 4.00 pm | 20.02.2025 after 4.30 pm |
| 2 | | | Rs.1,41,740/- | | |
| 3 | | | Rs.98,99,587/- | | |
| 4 | | | Rs.1,98,000/- | | |
| | | | Rs.64,72,402/- | | |
| | | | Rs.1,29,450/- | | |
| | | BWSSB/EE(SE)-2/TO/PB/3193/ 2024-25 Date: 10.02.2025 (4th CALL) | Rs.14,49,217/- | | |
| | | | Rs.36,230/- | | |

**Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-East)-2**

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

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## ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಶಾಲಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ (ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ)

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ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 6360790592 Email : ddnc.pue@gmail.com

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**ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ (ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)**

ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಶಾಲಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ (ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ), ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ, ಇವರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ 04 ಆದರ್ಶ ವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡು ಆದರ್ಶ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಉನ್ನತೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಪ್ರಯೋಗಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ shelves with Tables and Racks, Chairs, Lab Equipments, Library with digital facilities ಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಿ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ 10 ದಿನಗಳ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು KTPP ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಖರೀದಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪೂರೈಸುವ ಕುರಿತು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಆಸಕ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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| 1 | Purchase and Installation of Shelves with Tables and Racks | PUED/2024-25/IND0021 | ರೂ. 48,00,000/– |
| 2 | Purchase and Installation of Chairs | PUED/2024-25/IND0022 | ರೂ. 16,00,000/– |
| 3 | Purchase and Installation of Lab Equipments | PUED/2024-25/IND0020 | ರೂ. 36,00,000/– |
| 4 | Purchase and Installation of Library with digital facilities | PUED/2024-25/IND0023 | ರೂ. 20,00,000/– |

ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ **http://www.KPPP.Karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸ ಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06–02–2025 ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 15–02–2025ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಂ: ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ:ಚಾನಗರ:602:2024–25

ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು
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## ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ
## Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences

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**No. CIMS/Tender/ABARK/177/2024-25 Dated : 01-02-2025**

### TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 Rules 2000 for complete maintenance of OPD / IPD counters including ABARK and other Govt. free schemes at the teaching hospitals of this Institution. Tenderers may apply the tender on or before 07-03-2025 at 5.00 pm with payment of E.M.D. of Rs. 3,00,000-00 through e-portal: **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**.

If, the last date for apply the tender declared as Government Holiday, next working day shall be treated as last date. No separate Notification in this regard will be issued.

**Sd/- Dean and Director,**
CIMS, Chamarajanagar.

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಆಪಸಂ/ಎಎಂಎಸ್/ವಿವ-32/ದ.ಎ.ಜಂ.ಹಿ/ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್/2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 11.02.2025

### RE TENDER NOTIFICATION
**(KPP portal mode only)**

The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore hereby invites bids through KPP-portal from eligible bidders For Supply Of Anthelmentics To Cattle And Buffalloes Under Centrally Sponsored Ascad Programme For The Year 2024-25 for which the tendered Amount is **Rs. 103.08 lakhs.**

Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting website No: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal from Dt: **11.02.2025** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through KPP portal from **11.02.2025** to **19.02.2025 till 17.30 hours.**

Further information can be obtained from KPP Portal and this office during office hours.

**Sd/- Deputy Director, Veterinary Medical Stores ,**
**Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services**

DIPR/CP/4982/Zen/2024-25

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## BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer(QA/QC) Division,
West Zone, Room No.101, Annex-3 Building,
BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No: EE(QA/QC)/West/TEND/72/24-25/Call-2 Date: 11.02.2025

### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
**Two Cover System (Only Through e-Procurement System)**

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Quality Assurance/Quality Control Division invites Request for Proposal from interested persons/firms those **who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality Control (PMC)** for the mentioned below works through e-Procurement system by the Executive Engineer QA/QC, West Zone BBMP.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work |
|---|---|
| 1 | Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Construction of RCC Bridge and Road across V-100 connecting Vijayanagar Pipe Line Road to Mysore Road in Padharayanapura & RCC Box Culvert of Various Vent size wherever damaged in Chamarajapete Constituency in West Zone" . **Project Cost: Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.24,000/-. Time period:** Till completion of the project. |
| 2 | Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Reconstruction of RCC Box Drain, U Shape Drain and Construction of Impounding Reservoir in Police Quarters of Chamarajpete Constituency in West Zone" . **Project Cost: Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.22,000/-. Time period:** Till completion of the project. |
| 3 | Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Remodelling of SSM drain to RCC Box Drain and Construction of Culverts to Azad Nagara, Cottonpete, Ramachandra Agrahara, & surrounding Cross Roads from 1st main to 5th main Chamarajpete Constituency in West Zone" . **Project Cost: Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs. EMD : Rs.24,500/-. Time period:** Till completion of the project. |

**Calendar of Events:** (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded through E-Portal from: **14.02.2025 onwards.** (2) Pre-bid meeting: **17.02.2025 at 11:30 a.m.** at Office of the Executive Engineer(QA/QC), Room No.101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002. (3) Last date & time for receipt of Tenders: **24.02.2025 upto 4:00 p.m.** (4) Opening of Technical bid: **25.02.2025 at 4:30 p.m.** (5) Validity of Tenders: 90 days from last date of receipts of Tender.

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, (QA/QC) Division,**
**West Zone, BBMP**

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## BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

**Office of the Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division,**
**Old Madras Road, K.R. Pura, Bengaluru-560 036.**

No. EE/KRP/TND/12/2024-25 Date: 10.02.2025

### INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**Single & Two Cover (Only through GoK KPP Portal)**

The Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BBMP invites Item Rate Tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the following works.

| Sl.No. | Name of the Work |
|---|---|
| 1 | Sinking of New Borewells and providing Sub-mersible motor pumpset, GI pipes, Submersible cable, PVC pipeline and accessories and redrilling of existing borewells and Replacement of Submersible motor pumpset and accessories at Geddalahalli Vinayaka Layout, Rajanna Layout, Vaddarapalya, Cauvery Nagara, Anjanadhri Layout, Prakruthi Township Meghanapalya, Chalakere, Babusapalya, Bank Avenue Papaiah Layout, Munireddy Layout, Anjinappa Layout, Ashirvad Colony, Narayanareddy Layout & Chelekere Babusapalya & Horamavu village & surrounding Layouts areas in Chalakere Ward No. 86. |
| | Estimation Cost : **Rs. 250.00 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 3,75,000/-** |
| 2 | Sinking of New Borewells and providing Sub-mersible motor pumpset, GI pipes, Submersible cable, PVC pipeline and accessories and redrilling of existing borewells and Replacement of Submersible motor pumpset and accessories at Kempegowda Layout, Balaji Layout, CSI Layout, Patel Ramaiah Layout, Munianjinappa Layout, Anjinappa Layout, Kyalasanahalli Sai Layout, Geddalahalli Vinayaka Layout, Anjanadri Layout, BDS Garden, Banjara Layout, Hoysalanagara, Horamavu Village, Horamavu agara, Geddalahalli, K. Narayanapura, Kyalasanahalli, Kothanuru, Kyalasanahalli Villages & Surrounding area layouts in Horamavu Ward No. 87. |
| | Estimation Cost : **Rs. 400.00 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 6,00,000/-** |
| 3 | Sinking of New Borewells and providing Sub-mersible motor pumpset, GI pipes, Submersible cable, PVC pipeline and accessories and redrilling of existing borewells and Replacement of Submersible motor pumpset and accessories at K. Channasandra, NRI Layout, MR Riches Garden, Manjunath Nagar, Punyabhoomi Layout, Andra Colony, Sankalpa Layout, Kanakagiri Layout, Riches Royal Layout, Green Garden Golden Enclave Annayappa Layout, Kalkere & K. Channasandra Village surrounding Extension area in Kalkere Ward No. 88. |
| | Estimation Cost : **Rs. 350.00 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 5,25,000/-** |

Period of Completion : **09 months (for each works)**

**Calendar of Events:** **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (2)** Last date for tender queries & clarification : **12.02.2025 upto 16.00 hrs. (3)** Date of Pre-bid Meeting : **13.02.2025 at 11.30 hrs. (4)** Last date for submission of tender documents : **on or before 18.02.2025 at 16.00 hrs. (5)** Date of opening of Technical bids: **19.02.2025 at 16.00 hrs.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer**
**K.R. Pura Division**

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**Office of the Mission Director,**
**National Livelihood Mission Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Dept.,**
**# 4, 2nd Floor, MYSUGAR Building, J.C. Road, Near Town Hall, Bengaluru-560002. email: nrlmkarnataka@gmail.com**

No. KSRLPS/PROC/GEN/30/2024-PRCT-KSRLPS-CALL-2 Date: 11.02.2025

### TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sanjeevini-KSRLPS invites RFP for Selection of Marketing Agency-Bengaluru Santhe (Rural Urban Women-Led Self-Help Group Mart) in Karnataka. Interested bidders/applicants can participate by logging to the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in posted on 11.02.2025 and the last date for submission of RFP 21.02.2025 on or before 5:00 PM. Kindly refer to the tender document for scope of the work, schedule and any information vide Tender Reference No: KSRLPS/2024-25/SE0032/CALL-2.

**Sd/-**
**Additional Mission Director**
**Sanjeevini-KSRLPS**
**Bangalore.**

DIPR/CP/4965/AKAR/2024-25

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## Office of The Executive Engineer, Project Division, Chitradurga.

Sri Sai Service Station 1st Floor, Turuvanur Road, Chitradurga.
Phone No: (O) 08194 230133, (Fax) 230294,
e-mail : kn-cht@pmgsy.nic.in

NO. EE/PD/CTA/TECH/TENDER/5054/2024-25/407
Date: 11.02.202506

### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
**2nd & 3rd Call**

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Project Division, Chitradurga invites CM Special Grant for the year of 2023-24 under H/A 5054 in Challakere Constituency, Chitradurga District. Package Road Work Details are as below.

| Package No | Indent No | Estimate Cost (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| KS-10-53 | 76 Call-2 | Rs. 230.00 |
| KS-10-57 | 79 Call-3 | Rs. 210.00 |

**Contractor Registration Details:- Tenders from eligible Class-II & above KPWD/CPWD Contractors**

Item Rate Tenders from eligible Contractors. As per the guidelines of the PMGSY norms through KPP portal in Two Cover System. The details can be had from the http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from Dt. 14.02.2025. The last date for submission of tender is on Dt. 06.03.2025 at 16:30 Hrs. For more details contact the under signed officer's office during the office hours.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/570/2024-25

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**Project Division, Chitradurga.**

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INNOVATE KARNATAKA — K-tech

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**RFP NOTICE No: ITBTST/2024-25/SE0020/CALL-2**

Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS), Department of Electronics, IT and Bt intends to **Empanel implementing partners to implement K-Tech Center of Excellence in Gaming** in Karnataka. In this regard, KITS invites proposals from the qualified agencies in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP)

The interested agencies are required to download the soft copy of the Request for Proposals and upload the proposal (in PDF format) on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in through the bidder's Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

Any notices / information related to this Request for Proposals in the future shall be available on https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only.

The application should be submitted on or before **27.02.2025 at 4.00 P.M.** Refer to the Request for Proposals document for eligibility criteria and other conditions.

**Sd/-**
**Managing Director**

**KARNATAKA INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (KITS)**
Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka
**BKG Sapphire # 59 Railway Parallel Road,**
**Kumara Park West, Seshadripuram,Bengaluru – 560020**
Phone :080-2223-1006/008, E-mail: kitsgok@karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/CP/4987/AKAR/2024-25

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## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME STATION HQ ECHS COMMAND HOSPITAL AIR FORCE BANGALORE

**Phone No: 08029917023 | E-mail: stnhq.chafb@echs.gov.in**

### EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

1. ECHS invites applications to engage following Medical, Para Medical & Non-Medical Staff on contractual basis in ECHS Polyclinics Bangalore (Urban), ECHS Polyclinic Hassan, RC ECHS Bangalore & ECHS Referral Cell for a period of one year (upto 31 Mar 26) :

| SL No | Appointment | ECHS Polyclinic Bangalore (Urban)/ CH Referral Cell | ECHS Polyclinic Hassan | Regional Centre Jalahalli | Fixed Remuneration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Medical officer | 09+01 | 01 | 03 | 75,000-/pm |
| 2 | Medical Specialist | 02 | -- | -- | 1,00,000/-pm |
| 3 | Dental Officer | 02 | 01 | -- | 75,000/-pm |
| 4 | Gynaecologist | 01 | -- | -- | 1,00,000/-pm |
| 5 | Officer-in-Charge | 01 | 01 | -- | 75,000/-pm |
| 6 | Radiographer | 01 | -- | -- | 28,100/-pm |
| 7 | Lab Assistant | 01 | 01 | -- | 28,100/-pm |
| 8 | Lab Technician | 02 | 01 | -- | 28,100/-pm |
| 9 | Physiotherapist | 01 | -- | -- | 28,100/-pm |
| 10 | Pharmacist | 04+01 | 01 | -- | 28,100/-pm |
| 11 | Nursing Assistant | 04 | 01 | -- | 28,100/-pm |
| 12 | Dental A/T/H | 02 | 01 | -- | 28,100/-pm |
| 13 | Female Attendant | 01 | 01 | -- | 16,800/-pm |
| 14 | Driver | 02 | 01 | -- | 19,700/-pm |
| 15 | Chowkidar | -- | 01 | -- | 16,800/-pm |
| 16 | Peon | 01+01 | 01 | -- | 16,800/-pm |
| 17 | Safaiwala | 01 | 01 | -- | 16,800/-pm |
| 18 | IT Network Technician | 01 | -- | 01 | 28,100/-pm |
| 19 | Data Entry Operator | 01 | -- | 01 | 22,500/-pm |
| 20 | Clerk | 02+01 | -- | 01 | 22,500/-pm |
| 21 | DEO/ Clerk | -- | 01 | -- | 22,500/-pm |

2. **For QRs, Terms and Conditions, Application Form & Remuneration:** Kindly see our website www.echs.gov.in . For additional details, please contact Stn HQ ECHS Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore at Telephone No. **08029917023** & E-mail ID **stnhq.chafb@echs.gov.in** Also approach concerned ECHS Polyclinic for details. Preference will be given to the Ex-servicemen.

3. **Last date of receipt of application:** Application as per requisite format along with self-attested photocopies of testimonials in support of Educational Qualification and Work Experience will be submitted to OIC Stn HQ ECHS Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore by **25 Feb 25** in duplicate. Any application received after will not be accepted.

4. **Interview Date, Timing and Venue:** Candidate must reach Stn HQ ECHS Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore at 0930 Hrs on **03 Mar 25** for the interview to the post mentioned at Sl No. **06 to 13**, on **04 Mar 25** for Sl No. **14 to 21** & on **05 Mar 25** for Sl No.**01 to 05**. Interview will be held from 1030 Hrs onwards. Candidates must bring all the original certificates/marksheets/degrees of 10th / Matric, 10+2 & Graduation / Post Graduation / Diploma / Course, Work Experience and discharge book, PPO, Service records at the time of interview. No TA / DA is admissible. Only candidates meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply.

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## ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA
**(Minor Irrigation and Groundwater Development Department)**

**Office of the Project Director, State Program Management Unit (SPMU), #1/1, 2nd Floor, K.S.F.C Bhavan, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560 052.**

No: ABHY/SPMU/PROC/21/2024-25 Date: 11.02.2025

### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
**(Only through kpp portal)**

SPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojana, invited tender from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes bidders through kpp Portal for **"Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Digital dashboard and dissemination systems in Atal Bhujal Yojana, Karnataka"**

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The tender document can be downloaded through "kpp portal" from **10.02.2025 onwards** and last date for receipt of tender is on or **before 17.02.2025, 17.00 hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office hours from **10:00 hrs. to 17:30 hrs.**

**Sd/-**
**Tender Inviting Authority,**
**SPMU, Atal Jal, Karnataka**

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Government of Karnataka

## Minor Irrigation and Ground water Development Division, Chitradurga

NO.EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB1,3/SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION: 11/2024-25 DATE:10-02-2025

### SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
**K.W.- 4 (TWO COVER SYSTEM)**

Item rate tender in Two cover system as per KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible contractors registered in KPWD (KW4) (Minimum 201.45 Lakhs and Maximum amount put to Tender Rs-211.49 Lakhs)for the 02 work through KPPP-procurement portal.

Tender documents may be downloaded from KPPP-Portal website :https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 11-02-2025 Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender 20-02-2025 upto 5.30 P.M., Last Date for submission of Tenders 21-02-2025 upto 4.00 P.M. Opening of Technical bid Date: 24-02-2025 after 10.30 A.M (If possible). Opening of Finanical bid Date 25-02-2025 after 10.30 A.M (If possible). Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in KPPP-portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from KPPP-Portal help desk No+91-8046010000+91-8068948777 & support@eprochelpdesk.com

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/565/2024-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI, Chitradurga

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Government of Karnataka - Zilla Panchayat, Shivamogga

## Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga

Phone: 08182-222382 e-mail ID: dhoshimoga@gmail.com

No.: DHFWS/O.S./12/2024-25 Date: 11.02.2025

### e-Tender Notice

Tender is invited through e-procurement in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act (KTPP) 1999, Rules 2000 regarding availing the services of the below mentioned cadre personnel through outsource for Health Institutions under jurisdiction of Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga for the year 2025-26. Details are as below.

**Sl.No. 1. Notification No.:** DHFWS/O.S.Tender-12/2024-25 dated 11.02.2025 **Details of the tender invited :** Regarding Providing on Outsource Basis services of Group D (175), Drivers (22), Nursing Officers (3) to Health Institutions of Shivamogga District and Data Entry Operator (1) to K.P.M.E. Division. **Time Period for tender submission:** From 12.02.2025 to 21.03.2025 **Annual Approx. Amount ofTender:** Rs. 430.00 lakhs **Remarks:**E.M.D. Amount: Rs. 6.45 lakhs

For further details contact Phone No.- 08182-222382 of the Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga, during office hours or can be obtained in website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

**Sd/-District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga.**

DIPR/smg/No.ksmca/24-25/ 69/02/1629

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## CIDCO
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### NOTICE
**DBO Tender for Tertiary Treatment of Sewage for Industrial Reuse at Taloja MIDC.**

**1. Name of Work: DBO Tender for Tertiary Treatment of Sewage for Industrial Reuse at Taloja MIDC.**

**2. C. A. No.:** 02/CIDCO/EE(Sewerage Project)/2024-25

**TENDER ID - 2024_CIDCO_1093020_1**

**Milestone-1 (Phase-1):** Comprising of 50 MLD Kalamboli STP Refurbishment with Additional Works, 20 MLD Tertiary Treatment Plant, 20 MLD Tertiary Treated Sewage Pumping Station with Rising Main.

**Milestone-2 (Phase-1):** Comprising of 70 MLD Kharghar STP Refurbishment with Additional Works and 20 MLD Secondary Sewage Pumping Station with Rising Main.

**Milestone-3 (Phase-2):** Comprising of 20 MLD Secondary Sewage Station, 20 MLD Tertiary Treatment Plant and 20 MLD Tertiary Treated Sewage Pumping Station and 10 Years of Operation and Maintenance after completion of Milestone-1 for all the above units. (The TTP & TTSPS shall be based on 70:30 deferred payment model).

Bidders are requested to take note that, the above mentioned Bid was published in daily Marathi & English News Papers viz. Samana, Hindustan Times & The Hindu dated 17/09/2024. The above mentioned bid is in process online on **https://mahatenders.gov.in** website. Recently CIDCO has modified the Mandatory Eligibility Criteria in the Notice Inviting Bid under Addendum No.2 and uploaded the same on **https://mahatenders.gov.in** website dated 05/02/2025. Interested participants / agencies are requested to peruse the Addendum No.2 and participate in the Bidding Process.

**Superintending Engineer**
**(Sewerage Project)**

CIN - U99999 MH 1970 SGC-014574
www.cidco.maharashtra.gov.in
CIDCO/PR/225(A)/2024-25

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## KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

**(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)**

No: CEE/SLDC/SEE-SCADA/EE(MIS)/2024-25/4548 Dated: 10.02.2025

### BRIEF SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
**(Through kpp portal Mode Only)**

KPTCL invites bid against the following Enquiry No. **KPTCL/CEE-SLDC/SEE-SCADA/EEE-MIS/AMR-014/2024-25,** for **"(a) Supply, Installation, Wiring, Testing for Commissioning of Data Concentrator Units (DCU) for establishing Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) solution for Generators Tariff Meters (Bulk & Individual) in Karnataka AND (b) CAMC for existing 1636Nos. of Generators (Bulk & Individual) in Karnataka"**.

The Bids will be received through Electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be obtained by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **12.02.2025.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

All Corrigendum /Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the bids.

**Sd/-, Chief Engineer, Electy.,**
SLDC, KPTCL, #28, Race Course Cross Road,
A. R. Circle, Bengaluru-560009.

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EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME
STATION HQ (ECHS CELL) YELAHANKA
PHONE: 080-28478088 | E-mail: echsyel@gmail.com

### EMPLOYMENT NOTICE - CORRIGENDUM

This is with reference to the ad published on 01.02.2025 in Newspapers for inviting applications for vacancy to engage Non Medical Staff on contractual basis in ECHS Polyclinics **Yelahanka**, the following vacancy to be read as below:

Appointment with reserve % of ESM: **Safaiwala (70%)** Literate and minimum: **05 years experience**, Yelahanka: **01** Kolar: **01** Fixed Remuneration: **₹ 16800/pm**

Other terms and conditions to be referred from the above mentioned advertisement.

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## HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
### ENGINEERING WING

Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Soudha, 3rd floor, Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023,
Telephone No.080-29557023 E-mail:cekhsdrp@gmail.com & cekhsdrp-hfws@karnataka.gov.in

No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-3/AE-6/TND/2024-25/3463 Date: 11.02.2025

### SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites Tender for Appointment of Consultants for Preparation of DPR in Two Tender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following works under K.M.E.R.C. Funds.

| Sl. No. | Description of works | Approximate Estimate cost (Rs. In Lakhs) | EMD (Rs. In Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR for the work Construction of Civil Work, Human Resources and Equipments for upgradation of District Hospital Ballari. | 26.00 | 0.52 |
| 2 | Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR for the work Upgradation of District Hospital to 500 Bedded Hospital at Ballari with necessary Equipments and Staff Salary as per Reccomended Pattern of DD (Medical) Health and Family Welfare services Bangalore. | 33.00 | 0.66 |
| 3 | Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR for the work Strengthening of District Hospital Chitradurga through various rejuvenation facilities. | 10.00 | 0.25 |

**Calendar of Events: (1)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **24.02.2025 upto 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : **25.02.2025 at 16.01 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP portal platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and tender processing fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPPP platform to participate in this tender.

**NOTE: (1)** All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on KPP portal.

**Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.**

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## Government of Karnataka
### Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Ballari

Email: ee_pwdbellary@yahoo.com Telephone No: 08392 -266123

**No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-6/2024-25/005050** **Dated : 07.02.2025**

### Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover Sysytem)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through KPP portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KPPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.

**TABLE**

| Sl No | Details of Works | Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1) | PWD/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT18141 | 181.00 |

**Note:** Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions, tenderers can view in KPP Portal. No saperate notification will be published in this system.

1) Pre Bid Meetin Date **12.02.2025 upto 11.00 hrs.**
2) Last dates for queries (through KPP portal **15.02.2025 upto 12.00 hrs.**
3) Last date for submission of tenders through KPP portal **17.02.2025 upto 16.00 hrs.**
4) Date and time of opening of Technical Bids **18.02.2025 at 16.30 hrs in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

DIPR/Ballari/899/KSMCA/2024-25

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**PWD Division, Ballari.**

# ‘Cross-political party consensus key to reduce uncertainty for investors’

Rajnath Singh says India no longer presents red tape to investors, but a red carpet is rolled out for them

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, and Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil at the inauguration of ‘Invest Karnataka 2025’ in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

India no longer offers red tape to investors, instead a red carpet is rolled out for them, said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the Global Investors’ Meet, ‘Invest Karnataka 2025’, which was inaugurated here on Tuesday.

“India no longer presents red tape to investors, instead a red carpet is rolled out for them. This kind of cross-political party consensus on promoting investment plays a crucial role in reducing uncertainty for our investors,” he said while addressing a packed audience of domestic and international investors at Bangalore Palace.

> If as an investor, you seek world-class infrastructure, Karnataka is now offering next-generation infrastructure facilities.
>
> **RAJNATH SINGH,** Defence Minister

He said investors would benefit from India’s formidable strengths such as political stability, the huge marketing potential it offered, and an ecosystem based on rule of law, free from uncertainty and disorder.

Urging global investors to go long in their Indian investment plans, the Defence Minister said, “If as an investor, you seek world-class infrastructure, Karnataka is now offering next-generation infrastructure facilities. If you require skilled human resources, Karnataka stands out with its highly talented and future-ready workforce.”

According to the Minister, the country’s economic ecosystem was deeply integrated, which meant investing in Karnataka offers investors access to the country’s vast and diverse resources. “When you invest in Karnataka, you are not just investing in one State, you are tapping into the collective strength of India’s vast resources, and a colossal talent pool,” he explained.

**Cooperative federalism**

Mr. Singh said India was in the era of cooperative federalism, where everyone worked with the true spirit of ‘Team India’. He gave the example of the GST framework, in which representatives from both the Central and State governments came together to collectively decide tax rates through consensus. “This is a testament to how the Central and State governments are collaborating to shape the country’s economy,” he said.

He said the world had moved beyond the era of IT and software, and stepped into the age of artificial intelligence (AI). “Just as Bengaluru gave India its software technology foundation, it will soon provide the nation its first foundational AI model,” he anticipated.

## ‘Take care of your legs from stumbling blocks’

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday advised Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who recovering from a knee injury, to keep his legs safe from the “stumbling blocks everywhere”.

Speaking in a lighter vein at the Global Investors’ Meet, Mr. Singh said, “In politics, keeping your legs safe is very important and you have to be very mindful because you will find stumbling blocks everywhere.” This left Mr. Siddaramaiah smiling.

Mr. Singh further said, “Mr. Siddaramaiah is a seasoned politician and he has been safely crossing all hurdles on his way and today he is the Chief Minister. I am confident that he will recover quickly from this injury.”

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah being helped by his assistant at the Global Investors’ Meet on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

# State unveils new industrial policy to attract ₹7.5 lakh cr., create 20 lakh new jobs

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Tuesday announced ‘Karnataka Industrial Policy 2025-30’ to reposition the State and make it the top destination for high technology manufacturing investments in Asia.

“The new policy focuses on equitable and sustainable development while aiming to attract ₹7.5 lakh crore in investments and generate 20 lakh new jobs during the policy period,” said Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar while speaking at the Global Investors’ Meet ‘Invest Karnataka 2025’ here on Tuesday.

The key objective of the policy is to ensure balanced growth across the State, beyond Bengaluru, and promote industrial development in backward areas, he said.

**Focus areas**

According to M.B Patil, Large and Medium Industries Minister, the policy identifies key focus areas that would drive economic growth all across the State. These areas include aerospace and defence, electronics, core manufacturing (steel, cement, metals), warehousing and logistics, textiles, future mobility, drones, augmented reality/virtual reality, medtech, spacetech, biotechnology, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, FMCG, and tourism.

**12 new zones**

Mr. Patil announced that Karnataka would establish 12 new investment zones across 30,000 acres, alongside over 200 existing industrial areas. He said these zones would be equipped with world-class infrastructure, with ₹3,800 crore allocated for providing clean water to industrial areas.

Speaking earlier, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that with a stable policy environment, proactive governance, and a business-friendly ecosystem, Karnataka ensured that every investment made here thrived and contributed to inclusive and sustainable growth.

“Karnataka has always been at the forefront of India’s economic transformation, and today, we reaffirm our commitment to being the most investor-friendly State in the country,” he said.

Making a pitch for the State, the Chief Minister said Karnataka prioritised “responsible, sustainable growth, leading in green economy, eco-friendly industrial clusters, and sustainable urban development”.

To reassure connectivity concerns, he said the State was actively identifying suitable locations to fast-track the establishment of Bengaluru’s second international airport, further boosting the city’s global connectivity and economic potential.

**Software exports**

According to Mr. Siddaramaiah, the State accounts for 60% of the country’s electronic product exports, making it a global supplier of next-gen chips and devices. It also contributes over 40% of India’s software exports, led by Infosys, Wipro, TCS, Google, Amazon, and Apple. The State is further investing in AI-driven governance, blockchain adoption, and cloud computing ecosystems to future-proof the digital economy.

He also said Karnataka was the EV capital of India, with Tesla, Ola Electric, Ather Energy, and Mahindra Electric investing heavily in the State.

“The State is India’s largest aerospace hub, with more than 65% of aerospace and defence manufacturing happening here,” he said.

## KREDL attracts investments worth ₹3.43 lakh crore

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Ltd. (KREDL) secured an investment of a whopping ₹3.43 lakh crore at ‘Invest Karnataka 2025’ on Tuesday.

A total of 13 memorandums of understanding (MoUs) were exchanged with 13 leading companies which are expected to create 78,253 employment opportunities in Karnataka.

With ₹56,000 crore, JSW Neo Energy Ltd. is the highest investor followed by ReNew Pvt. Ltd. and Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd. with ₹50,000 crore each.

**The key objective of the policy is to ensure balanced growth across the State, says Shivakumar**

# Mahindra Group to invest ₹40,000 crore in State

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Mahindra Group will invest ₹40,000 crore in Karnataka in the next few years, said Anand Mahindra, chairman of the group, here on Tuesday.

At the Global Investors’ Meet, ‘Invest Karnataka 2025’, he said Mahindra Susten intends to invest ₹35,000 crore to develop over 5GW of solar and hybrid projects over the next five years. This would generate 6,000 to 8,000 news jobs in Karnataka, he said.

Mahindra Lifespaces, the realty arm, Mr. Mahindra said is developing over ₹5,000 crore worth of projects in Bengaluru and has plans to develop another ₹6,000 crore worth of projects in the near future.

**In hospitality sector**

According to him, the group’s hospitality arm, Mahindra Holidays, already operates several resorts and is evaluating further expansion into areas such as Gokarna and Hampi. “We intend to invest further ₹1,000 crore and are in talks with government officials and look forward support in land aggregation.”

He said, Mahindra Defence Services and Mahindra Aerospace were looking at strategic expansion opportunities in the State worth several hundred crores. On his plans for last-mile logistics, Mr. Mahindra said, Karnataka was a hub for the group’s ambitions to stay the market leader in the E3W space. “With 60 patent applications, 54 trademarks, and 10 design registrations, our last-mile mobility is deeply entrenched here,” he added.

# Vijayendra’s supporters call off today’s meeting that was to be a show of strength

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Close on the heels of the BJP high command taking a stern stand on internal tussle in the party’s Karnataka unit, supporters of party State president B.Y. Vijayendra have called off their meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

The supporters of Mr. Vijayendra had made arrangements to hold a meeting of prominent leaders in Bengaluru on Wednesday as a show of strength at a time when they were being attacked by party rebel leaders who had sought the ouster of the State president.

However, after the central leadership sent a message to both the rival camps on Monday – by issuing a show-cause notice to rebel leader Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal and putting on hold the appointment of Chickballapur district unit president – supporters of Mr. Vijayendra announced that the meeting had been cancelled as per the instructions of the State president.

M.P. Renukacharya FILE PHOTO

Announcing this to media persons in Bengaluru on Tuesday, M.P. Renukacharya, former Minister and prominent member of the Vijayendra camp, said henceforth they would not hold any such separate meetings. He expressed confidence that Mr. Vijayendra would be continued as the State president and that the problems in the party State unit would get resolved in about a week.

Referring to the party central leadership putting on hold the appointment of B. Sandeep – who is said to be a close aide of Mr. Vijayendra – as Chickballapur district unit president, he maintained that the State president would not have any role in the election of district unit presidents.

**‘Issues will be sorted’**

Meanwhile, BJP MP and former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai expressed confidence that all issues in the party State unit would be sorted out within a few days by the high command. “The party high command has intervened now as there was a need for it and hence all these problems are bound to end within a few days,” he said.

Factionalism gripping the BJP State unit for a year reached a flashpoint in the last 15 days with the rebel group taking exception to the manner in which the election to 23 district units was conducted. They had alleged that Mr. Vijayendra had manipulated the process to get his close aides elected as district presidents so that they could later elect him as State president when the election for this post would be held. They had even visited Delhi twice to demand a replacement of Mr. Vijayendra. Supporters of Mr. Vijayendra, meanwhile, had demanded action against rebels.

# Photographer booked for flying drone in high-security zone

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Grounds police booked a 25-year-old photographer for flying a drone in a high-security zone in the Taj West End hotel area where Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and other VIPs were staying to attend Aero India, on Sunday evening.

**The accused told the police that he was using the drone to videograph a marriage event**

The accused, identified as Dayananda R., told the police that he was using the drone to videograph a marriage event, which he was assigned to shoot. He was not aware of the restrictions nor did he have a licence to use the drone, the police said.

**Drone seized**

Police personnel deployed for security duty in and around the hotel found that the accused was operating the drone outside Gururaja Kalyana Mantapa, near the hotel, to cover the marriage event. The police seized the drone for further investigation.

A case has been booked under section 125 (act endangering human life or personal safety of others) and section 289 (negligent conduct with respect to machinery) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, for further investigation.

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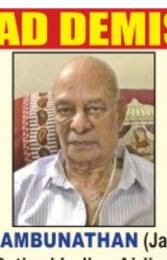

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# Parking problems: How encroachments and violations are choking Bengaluru

Without a clear policy in place on parking vehicles, cars and other four-wheelers occupy roadsides and pavements across the city, making them narrow and unsafe for both pedestrians and residents

**Yemen S.**
BENGALURU

For 28-year-old Shwetha Pillai, a resident of Indiranagar, parking her car in front of her independent house has been a challenging experience with many cars and bikes taking up space. "There is often bumper-to-bumper parking or double parking which is mostly done by valet parkers from pubs and restaurants from around the area, which makes it difficult to park my car. With so many vehicles parked, we have strangers walking around all the time, and our home does not feel like a private space any more," Shwetha says. Her family is now considering moving to an apartment close by which comes with a designated car parking area and more breathing space.

Parking is an issue faced by many areas in Bengaluru which were once quiet residential localities. With 1.16 crore vehicles in Bengaluru as of March 2024, multiple pre-owned car showrooms, pre-owned bike showrooms, travel companies, and cab drivers parking their vehicles on the footpaths and on the streets of residential areas, have become common sites these days, breaking many norms of the Parking Policy 2.0 by Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) issued in 2020.

**Pre-owned vehicles**

In J.P. Nagar II phase, a pre-owned car showroom has encroached parking space in front of residences and on footpaths, said Bharath S., an artiste. "This showroom and another one in the next street by the same owners came up four years ago near Ranga Shankara. Since then, it has been a problem for artistes and audiences. We have already had parking issues as a restobar nearby uses the streets around the theatre to park their customers' cars, and now this pre-owned car showroom has taken up space. They even park on the footpaths, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road in this already busy street," he said.

Nikitha K., another artiste, said that many of them have gone collectively and asked the showroom owners to park the cars within their site and not outside. "However, they argue saying they have permission, and we can not question them. We have asked them to show permission certificate issued by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), but they keep denying," Nikitha added.

Similarly, a pre-owned car showroom in Banashankari has encroached footpaths and lanes said Bhagyaraj, a resident of the area. "Most of these secondhand car showrooms come up in areas that have a site under litigation. They put up a few metal pillars, a sheet roof and decided to start a business on the site. Hence the roads look cramped with multiple cars being parked," he explained.

**Travel companies**

Another issue that has been a frequent hindrance to commuters and pedestrians is several cars and buses parked in a row on both narrow and broad lanes, some in unexpected spaces. "There is a space under the flyover in Kumarakrupa road, that has something like a garden area and a couple of seats or benches for anyone who would like to rest. But on most days the whole space under this flyover is filled with cars of cab drivers and bikes of delivery boys. There are traffic police standing in the same junction, but they never act," said a nearby resident.

In December 2020, the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) introduced Parking Policy 2.0, which had to be implemented by the BBMP. The policy introduced a permit system, which effectively means you must pay to use the public space in front of your home. FILE PHOTO

Multiple pre-owned car showrooms, pre-owned bike showrooms, travel companies, and cab drivers are parking their vehicles on the footpaths and on the streets of residential areas. FILE PHOTO

Suresh Kumar, a resident of Subramanyapura, said that the road next to the Subramanyapura lake always has several buses of travel companies parked. "This is usually in the night and continues till late morning. A minimum of five buses stand next to the road beside the lake, right next to the footpath. This narrows down the road and cuts short the space of half the lane. It is difficult for pedestrians to use the footpath and they can not cross the roads with the buses covering the view. Many men pass urine behind these buses making it unbearable to walk next to them, and women walking inside the lake premises feel very uncomfortable," he said.

On the other hand, a travel company owner who preferred to stay anonymous said that parking has become an issue for them too, forcing them to park at public spaces. "Initially we would park at our office and on the street in front of it. But over the last five years so many residences have come up and every house has at least two cars. If we ask them to move, they say the space is meant for residents and not for businesses. We had found an alternate lane near Jayanagar, but then KSRTC buses started parking there. Now, the only option we have is to park in areas on the outskirts of the city or on bigger lanes within the city like the outer ring roads, spaces next to metro stations and flyovers. If BBMP can make a designated paid parking service for private buses, it will really help a lot," he explained.

Parking is an issue faced in many areas of Bengaluru which were once quiet residential localities. FILE PHOTO

**The parking policy**

In December 2020, the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) introduced the Parking Policy 2.0, which had to be implemented by the BBMP. This policy is supposed to be the guidebook governing how city streets are used for parking, it also proposes many steps to fix the parking issues.

The policy introduced a permit system, which effectively means you must pay to use the public space in front of your home. The annual fee for the permit had been fixed at ₹1,000 for small cars, ₹4,000 for medium cars and ₹5,000 for MUVs/SUVs. An applicant can get a permit for only one vehicle. The permit will be issued as long as parking does not disturb the movement of emergency vehicles. Even then, the permit does not "guarantee" a free spot but only authorises the holder to park his/her vehicle as long as he or she is a resident of the road and can prove that he/she lives in a building that doesn't violate the approved plans and zonal regulations.

The policy also stated that Road Transport Corporations (RTC) and private operators may park the buses within their own premises. The policy said that a fee equivalent to two to three times the on-street full-day parking fee of three car spaces prevailing in that area shall be levied on all operators including RTCs, and private operators for parking within the public roadway or street limits.

**No action**

Though the policy was introduced four years ago, the BBMP has not implied the policy across the city. According to a BBMP official *The Hindu* spoke to, the policy has many limitations. "There is a lot of resistance from stakeholders, especially in the CBD areas. We also do not have enough infrastructure to implement all that is there in the Parking Policy 2.0. We plan to introduce a smart parking policy. We have called for tender thrice, but there has been no response. There are discussions that on-street parking should be completely banned, but again it is something a lot of residents and businesses are against. We are working with DULT to tweak and implement the policy, and it will be implemented soon," he explained.

## Creativity fair to inspire innovation in govt. school students

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Agastya International Foundation is hosting an interactive fair designed to ignite curiosity and artistic expression among 2,000 middle and high school students from government schools across Bangalore, on February 12 and 13. The event, titled *Aha! Kollective 2025*, will showcase the power of art, photography, digital media and sculpture as tools for sparking innovation and fresh thinking in young minds.

According to the release, through hands-on experiences, students will explore how traditional and modern artistic mediums can be harnessed to fuel out-of-the-box thinking. The fair will feature immersive workshops led by local college students, established photographers and professional artists.

Alongside their works, professional artworks and photographs will also be exhibited.

The fair is taking place on February 12 and 13, at the Bangalore International Centre, Domlur, from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## *Ellie, Asia's first life-sized animatronic elephant, unveiled at St. Joseph's School, Bengaluru*

The hyper-realistic animatronic elephant, voiced by actor and environmental activist Dia Mirza and launched by PETA India, will visit schools across Bengaluru to spread awareness on animal welfare

**Sreshaja J.R.**
BENGALURU

Asia's first hyper-realistic life-sized animatronic elephant, Ellie, was unveiled at St. Joseph's School, captivating students while delivering a message on animal welfare.

Voiced by actor and environmental activist Dia Mirza and launched by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India, Ellie is set to visit schools across Bengaluru to educate children about the suffering real elephants endure in captivity.

Introducing herself as a 12-year-old elephant, Ellie engaged with students and shared insights into the emotional and physical toll on animals used in circuses, rides and performances. Urging the students to take a stand against animal exploitation, she requested that they avoid visiting circuses that use animals and riding elephants or any other animals, and treat them with the kindness and respect they deserve.

Students pose with Ellie, Asia's first life-sized animatronic elephant, which was unveiled at St. Joseph's School. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Meenakshi Narang, senior education coordinator at PETA India, interacting with students. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Students asked Meenakshi Narang, senior education coordinator at PETA India, how they could help animals. "If you ever come across such situations, you can inform an animal NGO. You can also reach out to PETA, we are always ready to help animals," she said.

The students took part in a pledge vowing to be compassionate and kind towards humans as well as animals. " We learned that we should not hurt animals, we should not make them carry us on their backs, and we should not cage them," said Ayan Digambar, a fourth-grade student at the school. The programme was attended by the school principal Fr. Rohan D'Almeida and vice principal Sr. Sheena Joseph among others.

**FROM THE ARCHIVES**
The Hindu.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO** FEBRUARY 12, 1975

## Channabasappa Opposes Basis of Cauvery Formula

Bangalore, Feb. 11: The Karnataka Public Works Minister, Mr. H.M. Channabasappa, known for his deep and expert insight into the river water affairs, today submitted a 50-page note on the Cauvery water issue in the State Cabinet.

The Cabinet today went into two separate sessions, once early in the afternoon for about 31 hours and again around 10 p.m. in the Chief Minister's house. The PCC President, Mr. K.H. Patil had also been invited to the night session, a development considered to be of significance.

It is now no secret that Mr. Channabasappa has not taken kindly to the position that emerged after the last Cauvery conference and his recent public statement that it is worse than the 1924 agreement has created quite a flutter in the Congress party itself.

## Karnataka Legislature Pays Homage to Late Wadiyar

Bangalore, Feb. 11: The two Houses of the Karnataka Legislature today paid homage to the memory of the former Maharaja of Mysore Mr. Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, who passed away in September last.

Members in both the Houses separately observed two minutes' silence as a mark of respect to his memory, after adopting condolence resolutions, placing on record their appreciation of his many-sided services to the State.

The two Houses did not transact any other business and adjourned for the day.

## CITYBEATS

### Fudgy bliss

**FEBRUARY 14**
Chinita's special Valentine's Day offering is a decadent rich chocolate fudge cake. The cake is a dark chocolate creation and is topped with a light dusting of powdered sugar and colourful sprinkles. Each slice is priced at ₹325. Call 7892306919 for details.
*Available at Chinita outlets in Indiranagar, Whitefield, Koramangala and Bellandur.*

### Wine and dine

**ONGOING**
The Strawberry & Valentine's food festival is on at Windmills till February 16. This curated, limited edition a la carte menu includes salt roast vegetables, pan-seared chicken with gram provençale, nut-crusted salmon strawberry and sour cherry blintz as well as cocktails by mixologist Neil Alexander.
*At Windmills, Whitefield. Call 8880233322.*

### Disco-night pizza

**FEBRUARY 14**
Celebrate Valentine's Day with a special live performance by Final Vinyl, a band known for its dynamic, genre-spanning sound. Final Vinyl blends jazz, rock, pop, disco and swing to create an electrifying experience. There are also fresh pizzas that you can binge on.
*At PizzaExpress, Indiranagar, 8pm onwards.*

**It's the time to solo**
Valentine's as a day for couples only is slowly changing. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

# Clipping Cupid's wings

Venues across the country are ditching traditional Valentine's Day parties for singles' nights, queer events and anti-V Day bashes

**Anagha Maareesha**

Valentine's Day can be an overkill; the barrage of red, the chocolates, the roses. If your love language is not Hallmark clichés, or if you simply prefer to fly solo, it can be an eyeroll. More and more venues are making their Valentine's Day events inclusive, by focusing on friends, queer folk, or singles. Let us explore some venues across the country that are taking a different approach this Valentine's Day.

**I, me, myself**
At Bang, the rooftop bar at this hotel in Bengaluru, it is all about the singles. The Single & Stirred Party has a dress code of red and black. "In today's world, Valentine's Day is so much more than just for lovers; it is a celebration of connections, friendships, and the joy of indulgence on one's own terms," says Reuben Kataria, the general manager of the hotel. "We are redefining the celebration of love at Bang. It is an evening dedicated to self-love and bold spirits. Set against the city's spectacular skyline, this evening is not about romance, but about revelry." They offer handcrafted cocktails and good music.

*February 14, 6.30 PM onwards. At Residency Road, Bengaluru. For more details, call 0804914800*

**Fan club of one**
The Bah in Bengaluru's Whitefield is hosting an Anti-Valentine's party titled Thank God I'm Single. This is a celebration of being single. And in that spirit, guests will get one free shot for every year they have been single. All the music is themed around the joy of being on your own. "While the world celebrates togetherness, we want to focus on celebrating ourselves. We don't need to be partnered to enjoy an occasion like Valentine's. We can celebrate by showing ourselves love and embracing the comfort of being single. That's what TGIS (Thank God I'm Single) is all about at The Bah," says Arpita Ganesh, operating officer at The Bah.

*₹1,500 for two. February 14, 6 pm. At Whitefield, Bengaluru. For more details, call 9611081642*

**Rebel roses**
The Anti-Valentine's party at The Lalit Ashok is all about pushing boundaries. "Who needs roses when you can have rebellion? This Valentine's, we're breaking hearts and norms at Kitty Ko" says the tagline of the party. The drag show and music gig has performers from across the country. Drag King Bloody Kamina and drag queens Betta Naan Stop, Miss Bhenji takes the stage, and DJ Kish gets behind the console. Aashin Moitra, the general manager of the hotel's club Kitty Su India says, "Kitty Su began as a rebel club. Valentine's Day has historically been a very heteronormative concept. It did not align with queer culture. So, we started this party. We are not trying to be the opposite of Valentine, but we want to talk about rebellion and singlehood."

*Tickets priced at ₹499 upwards. February 14, 8 pm. At The Lalit Ashok Hotel, Bengaluru. For more details, call 68177777*

**To a different beat**
Trincas on Park Street has been an iconic institution in Kolkata since 1939. Their Qupid's Night event is for those whose idea of romance does not fit into the cookie cutter idea of love. Hosted in association with Kolkata Pride, the event is designed for LGBTQ folks. Anand Puri, third-generation owner of Trincas, says, "Tavern-Behind-Trincas has become an unexpected home to a niche audience over the last two years. It is a safe space where the LGBTQ community gathers every Thursday night to sing, chat and hang out with like-minded people. We're celebrating Valentines Day on February 13, with a special edition featuring musical artistes from the community in addition to the usual fun Thursday theme." Expect karaoke, offers on cocktails and music by artistes Bani & Bidisha.

*₹300 for donations to Pride. February 13, 7 PM. At Park Street, Kolkata. For more details, call 240259201*

**Cool connect**
At The Cheroot Malt & Cigar Lounge and Tranquebar you can party with your group of friends for Valentine's Day. DJs GP and Kevin will be dishing out the music. Shaariq Akhtar, the general manager of ITC Grand Chola, tells us, "Our Valentine's Day celebrations epitomise the spirit of camaraderie and connection - of dear friends, families, and couples. Make the most of it in an ambience of cool and conviviality and let your hair down for a fun and intimate evening."

*Packages start at ₹2,500. February 14, 9 pm. At Guindy, Chennai. For more details, call 22200000*

**Sweet nothings**
"This is not the usual kind of singles mixer," says Santhosh Zachariah Abraham, managing partner of Chennai-based speakeasy Madras Cocktail Company, or Madco. "I realised everyone in Chennai has a clique or group already. And the slightly older crowd says they never get to meet new people. My bar is the perfect space for a mixer like that." The event will be relaxed with ("No cringe games. We are too old for that")cocktails and conversations. Singles are welcome, you can even come as a wingman or a wingwoman for a friend. Or you can visit just to enjoy the evening too. "We are doing it a few days early so if you hit it off with someone, you have a date for Valentine's Day." All the guests will be vetted by the team.

*February 12, 7.30 pm. Check the madco_chennai page on Instagram for details*

Unravelling the mystery Stills from *Anamadheya Ashok Kumar*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

FILM REVIEW

# Thriller night

**Anamadheya Ashok Kumar (Kannada)**
**Director:** Sagar Kumar
**Cast:** Kishore, Harshil Koushik, Sudheendran Nair, Veeresh K M
**Runtime:** 104 minutes
**Storyline:** A journalist gets involved in a murder case of a reputed lawyer. As a no-nonsense cop interrogates him, several truths begin to unravel.

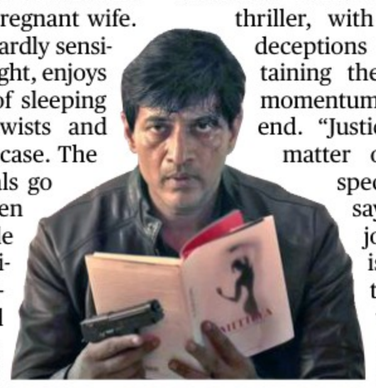
**Vivek MV**

In *Anamadheya Ashok Kumar,* police officer Athirath (Harshil Koushik) takes a small break while questioning a murder suspect (Kishore). "Logically, I feel he is innocent, but my instinct says that he has committed a crime," he tells his subordinate. Interestingly, even the audience feels the same about the high-profile murder case, and that is where director Sagar Kumar's film triumphs.

The crime drama is a mixture of several genres. Yet, all the layers of the movie play out organically, and the blend of themes never feels forced. For instance, *Anamadheya Ashok Kumar* is a solid drama, with the suspect, a journalist named Praveen Rajshekar, and the strict police officer Athirath involved in a verbal volley about each other's professions. Athirath takes a dig at journalists' infamous reputation of turning every case into a media trial, while Praveen mocks the natural tendency of the police to doubt innocent people.

The film succeeds in its reflection of the dynamics of power and inequality in society. Athirath works non-stop to crack the case, forcing him to be unavailable for his pregnant wife. His senior, hardly sensitive to his plight, enjoys the luxury of sleeping amid the twists and turns of the case. The rich criminals go scot-free, even as people with less privilege continue to deal with the trauma of their ill fate.

The makers call *Anamadheya Ashok Kumar* a "narrative thriller", and rightly so, as it reminds you of R Madhavan-Vijay Sethupathi starrer *Vikram Vedha,* where the suspected culprit narrates different stories, much to the amazement of the interrogating officer. Despite the conversational style of the movie, *Anamadheya Ashok Kumar* works well as a thriller, with clever deceptions maintaining the film's momentum till the end. "Justice is a matter of perspective," says the journalist, and the movie does show us why it is so.



Kishore and Harshil Koushik deliver a fire-and-ice combination. While the former is intense in his portrayal, the latter gives his all to play a hot-headed yet thinking cop. Both actors do what is required to justify the changing nature of their respective characters.

*Anamadheya Ashok Kumar* slightly overstays its welcome; the final scene seems planned with the sole purpose of showcasing Kishore's acting prowess. The overly emotional scenes slightly dent the cathartic quality of the film's climax. The quality of dialogues is uneven, with some being sharp while others sound amateurish.

Reportedly shot during the pandemic, this is a small-scale film with limited locations and characters. The restrictions are apparent, hampering the visual quality of the movie. These flaws apart, *Anamadheya Ashok Kumar* is mostly an engaging thriller.

*Anamadheya Ashok Kumar is currently running in theatres*

# Smorgasbord of festivities

**Ruth Dhanaraj**

"This festival is essentially a celebration of ideas and culture, and is themed The Asian Century. We've had three editions of the festival before," says Anirudh Sridhar, Dean of Thought Leadership, Department of Language and Literature, Alliance University, Bengaluru.

Alliance University's festival of literature, culture and intellectual dialogue – the Alliance Literary Festival (ALF) – will take place from February 13 to 15 at their central campus at Chikkahadage cross on the Chandapura-Anekal main road.

The three-day festival will see the participation of over 120 speakers from as many as 25 countries.

"Our first edition was on the brave new world that was just emerging after the pandemic and all kinds of things were happening on the global scene. Within Asia, geopolitics had realigned itself significantly in the last few years," says Anirudh, adding the continent exuded a growing ability to influence the actions of the rest of the world.

"However, since it is a literary festival, it was not going to be about geopolitics, but about culture, sports, movies, and of course, novelists. We wanted to look around the world for where the cultural influence of Asia was the strongest."

**Mixed bag** From a previous edition of ALF, (clockwise from top) Spanish author Manuel Vilas, Srilankan author Yudhanjaya Wijeratne, Dutch author Hoogenkamp Valentijn and Motswana author Tlotlo Tsamaase. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Anirudh admits that since it was "a hugely layered and debatable question," the organisers decided on a strong contingent of Japanese speakers.

"To this end, we have brought in Japanese novelists Asako Yuzuki, author of *Butter*, and Kyoko Nakajima, as well as Erika Kobayashi, a popular manga artist. We also have Ukraine's most famous novelist Andrey Kurkov (author of *Death and the Penguin*), coming in. We wanted voices from the West to talk about Asia and roped in Dutch historian Herald van der Linde, author of *Jakarta: History of a Misunderstood City*."

Anirudh says the team added a rich dimension of not only novelists from other countries, but also different people from all walks of life.

"For instance, we have Sanjay Patel, an Indian-American animator and director at Pixar who is also an Oscar nominee from the United States, musicians Javed Akhtar and Hana Inoue from Japan, sportsperson Anil Kumble and sports lawyer Nandan Kamath among others."

While interactive sessions, Q&A discussions, meet-the-author events, musical performances, film screenings and exhibitions will be a part of the Alliance Literary Festival 4.0, there will also be live-streamed sessions and curated digital highlights for online audiences.

*For a complete schedule of the Alliance Literary Festival 4.0, log on to allianceliteraryfestival.com. Tickets available on BookMyShow.*

# Trouble outside police station: Case booked

After a man was arrested in Mysuru for a derogatory social media post, a crowd gathered outside the Udayagiri police station in protest and indulged in stone-pelting, injuring seven police personnel and damaging police vehicles; investigation handed over to City Crime Branch

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

The Mysuru city police have booked a case in connection with the outbreak of trouble outside Udayagiri police station with regard to a derogatory social media post and handed over its investigation to the City Crime Branch (CCB).

The Udayagiri police had arrested Santosh, 32, in connection with the derogatory post which showed indecent images of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav, and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal with Arabic words on their bodies.

A large number of people gathered outside the police station on Monday night demanding that the police hand over the accused to them. The crowd indulged in stone-pelting, injuring about seven police personnel and damaging police vehicles, forcing the police to resort to caning and firing tear gas shells.

Meanwhile, Home Minister G. Parameshwara told reporters in Bengaluru that he had instructed the police to arrest the persons involved in creating trouble outside the station and take action as per law.

Dr. Parameshwara did not rule out the possibility of taking action against the police also if they were found to be at fault.

Meanwhile, the situation was returning to normality on Tuesday. City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said the police found the social media post derogatory and hence, booked a case and arrested the accused. She said the police will also take action against the people who gathered outside the station and tried to take law into their hands.

Additional Director-General of Police (Law and Order) R. Hitendra at Udayagiri police station in Mysuru on Tuesday. M.A. SRIRAM

**'Situation peaceful'**

Ms. Latkar said the situation was peaceful and called upon people not to aggravate the situation. An appeal was also made by SDPI leader Abdul Majeed on Monday night to people against gathering outside the police station as the police had taken steps.

On Tuesday, the police tightened security around the police station on Azeez Sait Road, also known as Mahadevapura Main Road, by deploying additional forces while entry to the road leading to the police station was barricaded.

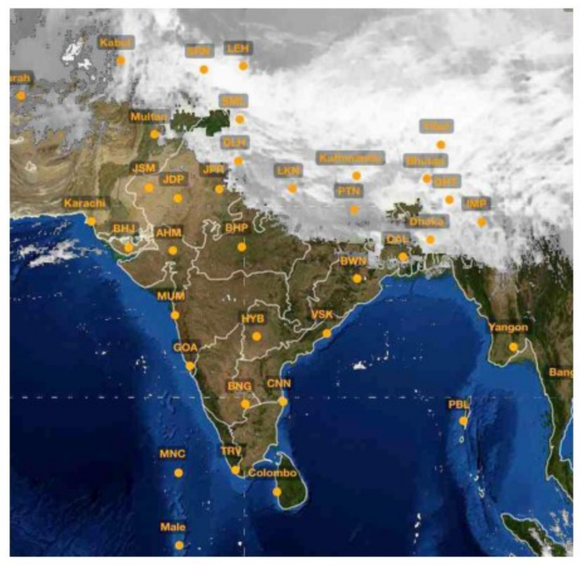
Shops and business establishments remained closed in the vicinity of the police station even as senior police officials and leaders of BJP and Congress made a beeline to the police station.

Additional Director-General of Police (Law and Order) R. Hitendra, who visited Udayagiri police station on Tuesday morning, said preliminary information suggested that the crowd had gathered outside the police station on Monday night after hearing rumours that the accused, who had been arrested, may be released on station bail. Apart from the damage caused to a couple of vehicles, seven police personnel had suffered injuries in the stone pelting, but added that no 'blood injuries' were caused to anybody, requiring admission as inpatients.

He said the police had taken the matter seriously and was scouring the video footage to identify the culprits involved in the trouble outside the police station.

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday




TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Wednesday:** Heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya. Dense fog conditions likely in isolated pockets of Gangetic West Bengal. Cold wave conditions likely at a few places over Himachal Pradesh

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | — | 27.8 | 14.5 | Kozhikode | — | 34.5 | 24.5 |
| Ahmedabad | — | 31.5 | 14.0 | Kurnool | — | 37.3 | 21.1 |
| Aizawl | — | 29.0 | 12.8 | Lucknow | — | 29.0 | 12.0 |
| Allahabad | — | 30.2 | 11.5 | Madurai | — | 34.6 | 21.1 |
| Bengaluru | — | 32.0 | 16.5 | Mangaluru | — | 33.0 | 21.9 |
| Bhopal | — | 31.2 | 11.6 | Mumbai | — | 32.8 | 18.8 |
| Bhubaneswar | — | 33.6 | 19.8 | Mysuru | — | 32.7 | 15.2 |
| Chandigarh | — | 26.9 | 9.5 | New Delhi | — | 29.7 | 9.8 |
| Chennai | — | 31.2 | 22.4 | Patna | — | 27.7 | 14.7 |
| Coimbatore | — | 33.4 | 19.9 | Port Blair | — | 31.0 | 25.4 |
| Dehradun | — | 27.0 | 9.5 | Puducherry | — | 32.2 | 21.0 |
| Gangtok | 0.6 | 13.8 | 7.0 | Pune | — | 36.7 | 20.8 |
| Goa | — | 35.0 | 23.0 | Raipur | — | 34.7 | 20.4 |
| Guwahati | — | 26.0 | 12.7 | Ranchi | — | 28.5 | 14.4 |
| Hubballi | — | 35.0 | 18.0 | Shillong | — | 18.2 | 6.4 |
| Hyderabad | — | 33.8 | 21.1 | Shimla | — | 19.1 | 8.2 |
| Imphal | — | 24.1 | 13.8 | Srinagar | — | 11.5 | 2.1 |
| Jaipur | — | 30.6 | 13.2 | Thiruvananthapuram | — | 35.8 | 23.0 |
| Kochi | — | 31.6 | 24.6 | Tiruchi | — | 33.1 | 21.0 |
| Kohima | — | 18.8 | 5.5 | Vijayawada | — | 32.6 | 21.4 |
| Kolkata | — | 30.8 | 22.0 | Visakhapatnam | — | 30.4 | 22.4 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | 8 | 282 | .17 | 38 | 47 | |
| Bengaluru | .13 | 70 | .18 | 102 | 101 | |
| Chennai | .13 | 11 | 100 | 40 | 158 | |
| Delhi | .21 | 184 | .40 | 321 | 372 | |
| Hyderabad | 9 | .47 | 164 | 140 | 124 | |
| Kolkata | .20 | .59 | .35 | 88 | 107 | |
| Lucknow | .12 | .95 | .63 | 249 | 206 | |
| Mumbai | .22 | .58 | .68 | 205 | 180 | |
| Pune | .20 | 121 | .46 | 158 | 134 | |
| Visakhapatnam | 8 | .68 | .26 | 156 | 139 | |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwadi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 327 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 32

**Air Quality Code:** Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

# Kerala school facing closure gets SC aid

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday came to the rescue of a 26-year-old Kendriya Vidyalaya school threatened with closure in Kerala.

"We are not thinking of closure," Justice K.V. Viswanathan, leading a Bench with Justice N.K. Singh, observed. The Bench directed the Ministry of Education to arrange a meeting with State and Central authorities on "war footing." The case of the school was taken up by Congress MLA Ramesh Chennithala.

The story of the school began when it was sponsored by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) at its project site at Kayamkulam in 1999.

At present, only 18 children of NTPC employees study at the school. However, the court noted that there were over 510 other students plus teaching and non-teaching staff here. The case was listed for hearing on March 25.

# Mahindra Percussion Festival to pay homage to legacy of Zakir Hussain

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The third edition of the Mahindra Percussion Festival, in association with *The Hindu*, will be back in Bengaluru on March 1 and 2 at the Prestige Centre for Performing Arts.

This year, the festival will be a homage to the enduring legacy of Padma Vibhushan late Ustad Zakir Hussain, with performances by homegrown talents.

Through his innovative and mesmerising musical endeavours, Ustad Zakir Hussain helped Indian classical music gain global recognition, and the third edition of the festival will celebrate this outlook towards music as a universal entity.

The first day of the festival will feature virtuoso percussionist Trilok Gurtu.

Having collaborated with legends such as L. Shankar, John McLaughlin, Ustad Zakir Hussain, and others, Mr. Gurtu will bring a world-class set of different rhythms from around the world to his concert.

"The Mahindra Percussion Festival aims to put percussion on centre-stage. It explores the multitude of percussive instruments and styles – some are known but many of which remain relatively unknown. In line with all of our Cultural Outreach programmes, this festival, too, discovers, inspires and celebrates artistes and art forms," Jay Shah, vice president, cultural outreach, Mahindra Group, said.

Tickets for the festival are available on BookMyShow.

## INBRIEF

### Seven Maha Kumbh pilgrims killed in bus-truck collision

Seven persons from Hyderabad, returning from Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj, were killed and two sustained injuries in a collision between a mini-bus and a truck in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur on Tuesday.

The injured were shifted to Government Medical College in Jabalpur. Police have booked a case and the truck driver has been taken into custody. The Madhya Pradesh authorities are making arrangements to shift the dead bodies to Hyderabad for final rites. Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed deep shock over the accident. He directed officials to make arrangements to provide better medical treatment to the injured and also take required relief measures.

# CBI uncovers deceit in Tirumala ghee case

**G.P. Shukla**
TIRUMALA

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is probing the Tirumala ghee adulteration case, has reportedly uncovered a web of deceit involving multiple entities.

The remand report filed by the CBI, following the arrest of four key accused in the case on Sunday, details the large-scale fraud.

Investigation revealed that AR Dairy, the prime accused in the case, had signed a contract with the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) to supply 10 lakh kg of ghee.

AR Dairy procured it from Bhole Baba Organic Dairy Private Limited, a Roorkee-based company.

The ghee was then transported in tankers to Vaishnavi Dairy located near Srikalahasti, which in turn, supplied the stock to the TTD on the basis of fake GST invoices, forged documents, counterfeit laboratory reports, and fabricated warranty certificates.

**Quality check:** In mid-2023, the TTD rejected several consignments of substandard ghee supplied by AR Dairy. G.N. RAO

The alleged fraud traces back to March 2022, when the TTD invited tenders for the supply of ghee to prepare laddus.

The representatives of Vaishnavi Dairy manipulated the documents and secured the contract in the name of AR Dairy.

Vaishnavi Dairy had earlier supplied ghee to the TTD. However, the TTD disqualified the firm by June 2022 after discovering the substandard quality of the ghee and its failure to provide records of procurement, payments to suppliers, and other relevant documents.

Bhole Baba Dairy directors Pomil Jain and Vipin Jain – who were also inducted as directors of Vaishnavi Dairy – then sought an alternative route to secure the contract for the ghee.

They approached AR Dairy's Managing Director Rajasekharan and offered him a commission of ₹2.75 to ₹3 per kg to participate in the tendering process on their behalf.

Between June 12 and July 4, 2023, the TTD received multiple ghee consignments which were found to be substandard. The TTD then sent the samples for testing to the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) in Gujarat, which confirmed the presence of animal-origin fat in the samples.

The TTD rejected several consignments in July which, instead of being returned to AR Dairy's facility in Coimbatore, was redirected to Vaishnavi Dairy.

Further investigation revealed that the Bhole Baba Dairy had earlier supplied ghee to the TTD at ₹291 per kg in 2019.

The company later collaborated with Vaishnavi Dairy, encouraging it to take part in the tenders with an assurance of supply and a commission of 2% to 3%.

# Consider application to treat 23 forest officers as 'accused' in mining case

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the special court to pass a fresh order, on an application filed by a retired deputy conservator of forests who is an accused in the illegal mining case involving former Minister G. Janardhana Reddy, for treating 23 other forest officers as "accused" instead of examining them as "prosecution witnesses".

"A person cannot be in a position of prosecution witness if he is *particeps criminis* [one who takes part in a crime], except in accordance with law," the court said.

**What petition said**

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order on a petition filed by S. Muthaiah, 68, accused number 4 in the case. The petitioner had questioned the special court's January 6, 2025, order of rejecting his plea to treat 23 officials of the Forest Department as "accused" by invoking Section 319 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.PC).

The petitioner had contended that 23 officers, who had admitted their guilt, could not have been treated as "witnesses" both by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the special court.

Meanwhile, the High Court noted that the 23 officers had given their statements to the CBI under Section 161 of the Cr.PC and later recorded their voluntary statement under Section 164 of the Cr.PC before a magistrate admitting that they had signed blank forest permits and handed them over to accused persons and those permits were utilised by the accused persons to illegally transport iron ore.

In the permits, signed by each one of the 23 officers who have been cited as "prosecution witnesses", the column for mentioning the kind of timber or description of forest produce was left blank besides the space to write the name of the person in whose favour the permit was issued, the High Court noted. One of the charges against the petitioner is also on issuing similar blank permits in favour of other accused.

**Misdirected**

Observing that the special court has misdirected itself, the High Court said that in the present case, the 23 officers are "witnesses", who are participants in the crime as they have admitted the guilt to some extent that they had singled blank permits.

"If they admit signing blank documents, then they become accomplice, along with other accused who could be charged with some of the offences. Therefore, it is rudimentary that an accused cannot be a witness on behalf of the prosecution, and a person who is admittedly guilty cannot run away from punishment, merely because he has been arrayed as a witness," the High Court said while pointing out that petitioner's application merited consideration by the special court.

## 'Bring all govt. services on WhatsApp'

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday instructed officials to make all government services accessible through WhatsApp so that people need not visit the government offices.

Speaking at the Ministers' and Secretaries' Conference, Mr. Naidu said: "Currently, 161 services are being provided through WhatsApp. Explore the possibility of expanding this to 500 services within the next 45 days. The entire government service system should be available to people via WhatsApp in the three to six months."

# State nursing councils cannot refuse to register nurses who secure nursing degree from other States: HC

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A State government or State nursing council cannot deny registration of a graduate in BSc (Nursing) course for the reason that the student has not graduated from a college within that State, the High Court of Karnataka has said while directing the Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council (KNMC) to register two women from Kerala who had secured their BSc (Nursing) degree from a college in Karnataka.

The court also said that a State nursing council cannot insist on the need to furnish a certificate of registration/recognition from the Indian Nursing Council (INC) for the purpose of enrolment/registration to practice the profession of nursing in that particular State.

**College in Mangaluru**

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Daniya Joy and Neethu Baby, who secured their BSc (Nursing) degree from a college in Mangaluru in 2023.

The petitioners had questioned the action of the KNMC in insisting that they should submit registration/affiliation of the nursing institution from where they had completed their education in BSc (Nursing) with the INC to register them as they had not secured their nursing degree from Kerala.

However, while pointing out that there is no mandate under the INC Act for a college involved in the field of nursing education to seek and obtain registration from the INC for the purpose of carrying out its activities, the court said that with there being no requirement for registration with the INC, nor any procedure being provided for under the INC Act for registration, the question of the KNMC insisting upon petitioners to produce such registration certificate from the INC, does not arise.

"Once a citizen of India is qualified and has been conferred a degree, that degree would be valid across the country, which has to be recognised by every institution... A degree issued by a university having jurisdiction in a particular taluk, district, or State will be be recognised not only in all States of the country but even abroad," the court observed.

The court also said, "No law can bind a person to a particular State, or mandate that a person can only work in the State where he or she has obtained his or her education. Narrow parochial views like these must be avoided and it is required to be held that a citizen of the country having a fundamental right to practice any trade or profession, such a person would be so permitted to practice their trade or profession anywhere in the country.

**No need for reciprocity**

The court made it clear that there would be no requirement for any separate arrangement between the nursing councils of one State and another State to arrive at reciprocity. "The concept of reciprocity is unnecessary because the recognition of the degree being nationwide, any nursing council across the country will have to consider and act upon a degree conferred in another State, on account of the education being completed in a college recognised by the nursing council of that State," the court said.

## Self-inflicted injury

### Trump's tariffs will not spare the United States from economic damage

Economic estimates from United States President Donald Trump's first term suggest that the sweeping tariffs his administration imposed on nearly $400 billion worth of goods hurt the American economy. They also resulted in a net loss in real (inflation-adjusted) Gross Domestic Product (GDP), a decline in annual household income, and job losses in the manufacturing sector. A 2019 discussion paper by the Federal Reserve Board, 'Disentangling the Effects of the 2018-2019 Tariffs on a Globally Connected U.S. Manufacturing Sector', found that industries most exposed to tariff increases saw relative reductions in employment. The negative effects of rising input costs and retaliatory tariffs outweighed the benefits of import protection, leading to a net decline in manufacturing jobs, an estimated 0.6% loss, or about 75,000 fewer jobs than would have existed without the tariffs. Similarly, a 2019 report from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), 'An Update to the Budget and Economic Outlook: 2019 to 2029', projected that trade barriers would reduce U.S. economic output. By 2020, the CBO estimated a 0.3% decline in real GDP and a $580 reduction in average real household income (in 2019 dollars).

The 25% tariff on iron and steel imports by Mr. Trump, in his second term, mirrors a similar policy from March 2018. In his first term, Canada, Mexico and the European Union were initially exempted until June 2018, after which retaliatory tariffs followed until a truce was reached in May 2019 through a revised North American trade agreement. Economists have pointed to these tariffs, which continued to a large extent under the Biden administration, being one of the factors that contributed to high inflation in recent years. In 2023, China dominated global steel production with 1,019 million metric tons per annum (mmtpa), accounting for 54% of global output, followed by India (140.8 mmtpa, 7%) and the U.S. (81.4 mmtpa, 4%). Despite its domestic production, the U.S. relies heavily on imports from Canada, Mexico, and Brazil. Steel is a critical material across industries, including automotive, construction, appliances, and oil and gas. While the American steel industry has welcomed the new tariffs, imports are unlikely to decrease immediately, as a global surplus, driven by China, keeps prices competitive. Even a slight increase in steel prices could ripple across the economy, raising costs for consumers struggling with affordability. If history is any indication, Mr. Trump's tariffs may be the start of another round of self-inflicted economic damage for an already strained U.S. economy, albeit still the world's largest.

## Perilous path

### Bangladesh is displaying an intolerant streak against minorities

After the government of Sheikh Hasina was brought down by a student-led uprising on August 5, 2024, Bangladesh's new rulers, a military-backed interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, promised a new beginning. Six months later, the country of 170 million is far from having a stable political order, let alone a new dawn. The lawlessness across the country was on full display on February 5 when a mob demolished the residence of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the first President, in Dhanmondi, the trigger being reports of Ms. Hasina, who is in exile in India, planning to broadcast a speech on February 5. Protesters circulated their plan online to destroy the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum. Using excavators and bulldozers, they unleashed the attack on the building, in the presence of security personnel, where the father of the nation was assassinated in 1975. The residences of Ms. Hasina and other Awami League leaders were also vandalised. The interim government promised stern action, and Mr. Yunus called for calm. But three days later, a security crackdown targeted Awami League members and saw over 1,000 arrests in a single day.

The attack is not an isolated incident. Mr. Yunus and student protesters have accused Ms. Hasina of running an authoritarian regime. Mr. Yunus has also promised to build a *naya* Bangladesh with reformed institutions, transparency and accountability. But six months after Ms. Hasina's ouster, the interim government has made little progress in its reform agenda and has yet to announce a schedule for general elections. There have been repeated complaints about mob violence against Hindu and Christian minorities as well as Ahmadiyya Muslims and ethnic minorities of Chittagong Hill Tracts. More than 100 people have been killed since August 5, and at least 11,000 people arrested. Among those arrested are 140 journalists, who face murder charges over their reporting of the events that led to Ms. Hasina's ouster. The government has also scrapped more than 150 press accreditations, which are required for official events and briefings. The Chhatra League, the Awami League's student wing, has been banned. A Human Rights Watch report released in January, has warned that those who opposed the Awami League "are now mirroring its intolerance for criticism". The Yunus administration and the student leaders are still blaming Ms. Hasina for the lawlessness and violence. This amounts to an absolute abandonment of accountability. Bangladesh cannot progress into a better system if the violence and lawlessness continue. As the ruler, Mr. Yunus has the primary responsibility to ensure that law and order prevails. He should also expedite the reform process and announce elections so that Bangladesh can have an elected, legitimate government at the earliest.

# A role for India in South-South climate cooperation

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COP29, at Baku, Azerbaijan, aptly referred to as the 'Climate Finance COP,' has played a crucial role in operationalising core elements of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement (PA). The adoption of Article 6 at Baku represents a renewed focus on the market mechanism which could help countries that are often constrained by limited resources and face difficulties in achieving an economy-wide transition to a carbon-neutral economy.

Article 6 has the potential to meet climate ambitions through cooperative approaches. Its key component, Article 6.2, facilitates the transfer of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) between host and partner country to help countries meet their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), by offering flexibility for tailored agreements. The process not only supports emissions reductions in the host country (developing country) but also fosters technology exchange, promotes capacity building, and facilitates financial resources from the partner country (developed country), helping in the transition to a low-carbon economy and reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Article 6.2 and India's climate policies**

India, which is considered to the third largest emitter of greenhouse gases (GHG), though in absolute terms only, and a rapidly growing economy, is well-positioned to draw benefits from Article 6.2. The country has had a challenge in balancing its developmental goals with its climate commitments due to a lack of adequate finance and also a lack of support from developed countries. India's NDCs, *inter alia*, include ambitious targets, such as reducing emissions intensity by 45% by 2030. However, the financial and technical constraints are considerable, as just before COP29, India reiterated its call for the developed nations to mobilise at least $1 trillion annually in climate finance for developing countries to meet the challenges of global warming.

It is an opportune time for India as it moves to its own domestic emissions trading scheme (ETS), launched as a Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) in 2023, with the aim of integrating market mechanisms into national policy. While not directly linked to Article 6.2, the CCTS proposes to strengthen India's institutions by providing a framework for transparent carbon credit tracking and verification. India's prior experience with the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), voluntary carbon market (VCM), Energy Saving Certificates (ESCerts) and Renewable Energy Certificates (REC), has laid the groundwork for effective engagement with international carbon markets under Article 6.2, unlocking opportunities for emission reduction projects and climate finance.

India can position itself as a leader in the global transition to a low carbon pathway, through transparent processes and equitable partnerships

India has identified 14 key activities for international collaboration under Article 6.2, which include Renewable Energy (RE), energy storage, and Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage programme. These technologies, such as green hydrogen and sustainable aviation fuel, require advanced expertise, research and significant investment, which India seeks through partnerships with leading nations such as South Korea, the European Union, and Japan.

Engaging in ITMO transactions under Article 6.2 gives India the opportunity to meet its SDGs by transferring surplus emissions reductions certificates to partner countries through different unique project implementations. There are also co-benefits such as reducing health problems and enhancing income through green jobs. On other hand, by encouraging South-South cooperation India can also generate ITMOs while facilitating investments in key sectors, in which India has extensive experience such as RE and sustainable infrastructure.

**Opportunities for the country**

Article 6.2 offers India an opportunity to unlock large-scale climate finance through South-South cooperation. Countries under pressure to meet stringent NDCs can purchase ITMOs from India, generating financial resources for climate-resilient projects and green technology development. For example, India's renewable energy sector attracted over $10 billion in foreign direct investment in 2022. Further, ITMO transactions could scale up these efforts for other developing countries. The New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) also encourages such South-South cooperation as developing countries have been extending climate finance to other developing countries on a voluntary basis; however, their contributions are often unreported. Hence, Article 6.2 may foster such partnerships beyond the traditional North-South dynamic, enabling India to lead South-South cooperation, through the transfer of technology, and building capacity in developing countries (Africa) to help them meet their NDCs.

While India signs memorandums of understanding with developed countries to facilitate ITMO transfers, there is also a strong case for India to focus on building partnerships with African nations (India as partner country and Africa as host country). Africa, with its vast renewable energy potential and urgent climate vulnerabilities, is ideal for South-South cooperation. Many African nations face severe impacts from climate change, particularly in agriculture and water resources. India's close partnership with African governments, extending to trade, investment, and developmental projects, strengthens this case. Under the 10 principles for India-Africa engagement enunciated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a key pillar is economic cooperation – emphasising sustained engagement, creating local capabilities, enhancing agricultural productivity, and addressing climate change. With its expertise in RE deployment, digital tools, and sustainable agriculture, India is well-positioned to help the region. This can also help India meet its NDCs while also accessing carbon market opportunities to fund sustainable development projects across the African continent.

The sharing of ITMOs between India and partner countries will depend on agreement specifics, reflecting India's role as the host country and the developed partner's contributions to technology and capacity building, which are also aligned with the Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC). The share ratio may vary based on each party's contributions – India could claim a larger share if it extends significant financial or technical inputs. A similar approach is seen in the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM), where credit allocation is decided through mutual consultation based on contributions to GHG reductions. Japan typically offers technology, funding, and capacity building, while the host country implements the project. The JCM Joint Committee reviews and issues credits, ensuring transparency by publicly sharing allocation details.

**The challenges**

ITMO sharing offers opportunities for international cooperation. But, at the same time, it also presents challenges for India. Developed nations might rely on low-cost emission reductions from India, potentially avoiding significant domestic decarbonisation efforts and shifting costly mitigation burdens onto India. For India, ITMO transfers could involve opportunity costs, as these reductions might otherwise support its own climate targets or sustainability goals.

Additionally, inadequate transparency and governance in ITMO mechanisms may lead to inefficiencies and can accentuate inequities, affecting India's interests. Over-reliance on ITMO transfers by partner nations could also hinder India's broader priorities, such as capacity building, green technology deployment, and climate-aligned economic growth. To address these risks, India must ensure ITMO agreements include safeguards for equitable benefit-sharing, transparency, and alignment with national and global climate ambitions.

# A legal 'remedy' that perpetuates survivor trauma

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The Allahabad High Court, in *Atul Gautam vs State of Uttar Pradesh* (2025), recently granted bail to a man who has been accused of raping his inter-faith live-in partner on the 'promise of marriage'. The bail was granted on the condition of his marrying the survivor under the Special Marriage Act and arranging for a deposit of ₹5 lakh.

In another case, *Abhishek vs State of Uttar Pradesh and Ors.* (2024), the same High Court had granted bail to a rape accused on the condition that he marry the survivor and care for both her and their newborn child. This reasoning aligns with a precedent set in *Ramashankar vs State of Uttar Pradesh* (2022), wherein bail was granted on similar grounds.

**On the court and state**

These cases raise key issues: first, whether courts can impose bail conditions requiring a rape accused to marry the survivor and assume responsibility for her and the child. And, second, whether the state is neglecting its responsibility to provide welfare measures for survivors and children born out of such crimes.

In *Aparna Bhat vs State of Madhya Pradesh* (2021), the Supreme Court of India, while issuing guidelines for bail conditions, lay emphasis on the point that courts must ensure that the conditions of bail strictly prohibit any contact between the accused and the survivor to avoid secondary trauma. The bail conditions which mandate that the accused marry the survivor, violate this guideline.

The Court also directed that the bail conditions should not reinforce gender stereotypes and patriarchal notions on women and must strictly comply with the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. While dealing with Section 437(3)(c) of the Code, the Court, in *Kunal Kumar Tiwari vs State of Bihar* (2017), observed that the courts may impose bail conditions in the interest of justice. However, such conditions cannot be arbitrary or extend beyond the ends of the provision. However, the approach adopted by courts (*Atul Gautam*) appears to stem from regressive societal perceptions that equate a woman's dignity with her marital status.

The judiciary offering bail on the condition of marriage to the perpetrator of sexual violence is problematic

**Impact on survivor**

Such reasoning perpetuates the problematic belief that marriage is a remedy for rape, restoring an alleged loss of purity or honour. This not only violates the autonomy of the survivor but also legitimises an unequal and coercive marital relationship. Such conditions create a perverse incentive for the accused to manipulate the survivor, furthering the possibility of abuse under the guise of reconciliation. The courts inadvertently reinforce a narrative where the survivor is forced into a dependent relationship with the accused, often without genuine consent. In such cases, marriage might result in abusive behaviour under legal protection. The prospect of marriage often becomes a strategic escape route for the accused, allowing bail, compromises, or even leniency during sentencing.

Courts that suggest or facilitate such marriages inadvertently risk legitimising the heinous act under the guise of matrimony. Such conditions undermine the integrity of the trial process and the survivor's quest for justice.

The responsibility of ensuring the welfare of survivors and their children lies squarely with the state. In *Re: Right to Privacy of Adolescents* (2024), the Court held that the state must provide essential support such as shelter, food, education, and counselling for victims. The lack of an adequate support system often leaves survivors with no choice but to rely on their perpetrators. This reliance not only perpetuates cycles of exploitation but also violates their fundamental right to live with dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution. By failing to provide holistic support to victims, the state shifts its responsibility to the judiciary, leading to solutions that may conflict with constitutional principles. This creates a perverse mechanism where victims are coerced into dependence on the accused, with the courts further enabling the state's neglect.

**A conflict of interest**

Granting bail on the condition of marriage during the pendency of a trial is particularly problematic. While considering the question of granting bail, courts are not supposed to look into the merits of the case, as the accused's guilt is not to be determined at this stage. Bail hearings and conditions should not influence the trial. However, imposing marriage between the accused and the survivor as a bail condition has irreversible effects, altering their relationship and interpersonal dynamics. Such conditions may affect the trial's outcome and the survivor's ability to testify freely.

Moreover, if marriage is deemed as a measure for the survivor's welfare, it raises concerns about the court's impartiality in convicting and sentencing the accused, as this could conflict with the survivor's welfare if she becomes dependent on the accused. These practices demand a critical re-evaluation of the judiciary's approach to cases involving rape and other forms of sexual violence. Justice must not be diluted by societal norms or convenience; it must prioritise the rights, the dignity, and the autonomy of survivors, ensuring that legal remedies do not perpetuate their trauma or compromise the principles of fairness.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Trump and the world**

Nations across the world appear to be transfixed by the idiosyncratic announcements flowing one after another from Trump 2.0. The 47th U.S. President's imperialistic proposal to own the Gaza Strip and relocate its population to other countries deserves an instant and outright response from the Arab world and countries such as India which have all along been advocating a two-state solution to the Palestine crisis. It is time nations closed ranks to call Mr. Trump's bluff.

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**YouTuber's comment**

It is appalling that someone who is in a position of influence would make immoral and offensive jokes, particularly against parents, who deserve utmost respect in society ("Case registered after row breaks out over YouTuber's comment", February 11). Public figures, especially those with a large following, have a responsibility to set a positive example. This is not just an issue of bad humour but also reflects a dangerous trend where so-called influencers think they can get away with anything. Freedom of speech does not mean a licence to insult and degrade others.

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**A venture worth exploring**

I read the interview with renowned composer Ilaiyaraaja, "I was not an Indian or Tamil film music composer when I wrote symphony Valiant: Ilaiyaraaja" (January 31), and wish to make my observation on the London Symphony being conducted by none other than our own "emperor of music". Almost 15 years ago, I had proposed to a few prestigious Sabhas in Chennai city on having a Carnatic symphony orchestra, with one of the Sangeeta Kalanidhis as artistic director, and creating an epoch-making venture in the world of *Bhaarateeya Sangeet*. The idea was that this ensemble (symphony orchestra) would have gone around the world propagating the greatness of Carnatic music. Unfortunately, none paid heed to my suggestion, offering the excuse of 'no funds' and also blaming it on the difficulties of asking musicians to be engaged in year-long hard work, practising or engaging themselves in mastering the symphony techniques. The maestro is right in pointing out that this mammoth production can be achieved only with government support. But if he does undertake such a venture, corporate houses are sure to line up offering support. My request is that the Madras Music Academy or the Narada Gana Sabha should come forward to have such a venture.

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# Addressing the growing threat of forest fires

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As wildfires swept throughout Los Angeles last month, destroying homes and causing casualties and displacements, the urgency of addressing and preventing forest fires took centre stage once again. Unfortunately, forest fires become a point of conversation only when some major incident causes irrevocable damage and captures media and public attention. The fires are a stark reminder that no place is immune from their impacts and that we need a clear pathway to prevent and manage them as their frequency increases.

In India, the situation is equally alarming. According to the Forest Survey of India, more than 36% of the country's forest cover is prone to fire. An analysis by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water states that there has been a 10-fold increase in forest fire incidences in the last two decades, whereas the total forest cover has increased by merely 1.12%.

Living on the fringes of the Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand, I see the immense value of India's forests, not just as critical enablers of wildlife conservation and sources of biodiversity, but as lifelines for local communities that live around them. While Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh often capture headlines for forest fires, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Karnataka, among others, are also grappling with the frequency and intensity of forest fires.

**Devastating consequences**

According to various reports, nearly 90% of these fires are caused by human activities such as deliberate land clearing, slash-and-burn agriculture, and unattended campfires. These factors, coupled with climate change-driven factors such as rising temperatures and extended dry spells, intensify the risk of forest fires.

Forest fires have widespread consequences – natural, social, and economic – that are all interconnected. Besides the direct loss of trees, wildlife, and biodiversity, they contribute significantly to carbon emissions. A report by the World Resources Institute estimates that Indian forest fires emit approximately 69 million tonnes of $CO_2$ annually. Forest fires result in the loss of timber and non-timber forest products, essential for forest-dependent communities, contributing to direct economic losses. A 2018 report by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change estimated that forest degradation (including forest fires) results in an annual economic loss of approximately ₹1.74 lakh crore. Forest fires also disrupt the water cycle, cause soil fertility degradation, and worsen human-wildlife conflict as animals seek refuge in human settlements.

India has put in place several policies and schemes to address forest fire management, such as the National Action Plan on Forest Fires and the Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme (FFPMS). The centrally sponsored FFPMS assists State governments in strengthening their forest fire prevention and management capabilities.

**A more robust response**

However, given the growing intensity of forest fires in India, much more remains to be done. First, Budget constraints have proven to be an obstacle. For example, the FFPMS's funding allotment has fluctuated over time. In 2019-2020, it received ₹46.40 crore, followed by ₹32.47 crore in 2020-2021, ₹34.26 crore in 2021-2022, and ₹28.25 crore in 2022-2023. The budget projection for 2023-2024 was ₹51 crore, which was revised to ₹40 crore. The planned allocation for 2024-2025 is ₹50 crore. This shows the need for more steady support.

On the technology front, the existing Forest Fire Alert System cannot distinguish between forest fires and other types of fires, delaying ground-level validation and response. India could use advanced predictive modelling to help identify high-risk areas based on climatic and geographic data. This must be supplemented by using drones equipped with thermal imaging cameras to monitor fire-prone areas, assess damage, and guide firefighting efforts. States such as Tamil Nadu and Odisha have already piloted such initiatives, which could be scaled nationally. In addition, there is merit in also exploring how relevant and existing data from the Forest Survey of India, the India Meteorological Department, and the Indian Space Research Organisation can be integrated and analysed for better forest fire management.

Equipping more and more local communities to collect and share real-time data to report fires as soon as they are sighted through mobile applications, toll-free helplines, and SMS-based systems can strengthen early warning systems and ensure rapid, localised response. In Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, self-help groups, primarily women, collect pine needles to blunt future fires. India can also draw from Nepal's Community Forest User Groups and Indonesia's Fire-Free Village Program to strengthen community forest fire management. Empowering communities with awareness, training, and resources and engaging youth as 'forest fire scouts' can foster stewardship, combining local knowledge with modern tools like fire risk mapping and controlled burns.

Forest fires are not just an environmental issue – they are societal and economic, affecting livelihoods, health, and the foundation of our ecosystems. Addressing this challenge requires the collaboration of policymakers, scientists, civil society groups, and communities. From creating supporting infrastructure through policy intervention, improved budgeting, technology adoption, and building a cadre of trained personnel to empowering communities – all measures must go hand-in-hand to turn the tide.

India has put in place several policies and schemes to address forest fire management, but needs to do much more

# Struggling with poor cyber security

## Karnataka's critical information infrastructure has come under attack again

STATE OF PLAY

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Kaveri 2.0, a web portal that was launched in 2023 to streamline property registrations in Karnataka, came under a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack carried out through Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered bots recently. A denial-of-service (DoS) attack occurs when legitimate users are unable to access information systems, devices, or other network resources due to the actions of a malicious cyber threat actor, while a DDoS attack occurs when multiple machines are operating together to attack one target. The DDoS attack crippled the portal, bringing property registrations across Karnataka almost to a halt for many days in January and February, possibly causing huge revenue losses to the State exchequer.

This is not the first time that the State's critical information infrastructure has come under attack. In 2017, the Karnataka State Data Centre fell victim to the WannaCry ransomware attack, which spreads by exploiting vulnerabilities in the Windows operating system. In 2019, the State's e-procurement portal was hacked leading to a theft of ₹11.5 crore. In 2022, the systems of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences were attacked. However, as the DDoS attack shows, no lessons seem to have been learned from earlier attacks and the gaps identified in the State's response have still not been filled.

Most government portals, including Kaveri 2.0, are designed and run by the State's e-Governance Department and hosted by the Karnataka State Data Centre.

The attack on Kaveri 2.0 began in December 2024 and brought the portal to a virtual halt in the last week of January and the first week of February. During this period, the e-Governance Department was on firefighting mode. On February 6, the Revenue Department claimed that the issues had been "fixed". Surprisingly, throughout this process, the State cyber crime police were not kept in the loop. The Inspector General of Registrations and Commissioner of Stamps lodged a complaint with the cyber crime police only on February 7.

Earlier too, the State's response to cyber attacks was marred by a lack of coordination between the e-Governance Department and the State police. So far, the e-Governance Department has identified a few IP addresses from which the attack originated. Involving the cyber crime police much earlier could have helped combat the problem in real time, police officials said. However, sources said that there was resistance within the departments to go to the police.

According to the Karnataka Cyber Security Policy, 2023, the State has a Cyber Security Committee, led by the Chief Secretary. This is filled with bureaucrats and not a single representative from the State police. Compare this to the national level, where the cyber security architecture – the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), which is affiliated to the Home Ministry and is the nodal point to curb cyber crimes, and the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC), which protects the country's critical infrastructure – have evolved.

Many experts feel that a similar cyber security architecture with clearly defined standard operating procedures to deal with such attacks should be put in place in Karnataka as well. The State immediately needs a control room set-up involving both technical experts and the cyber crime police to handle crises so that it can respond to such attacks in a coordinated manner in real time.

In his last Budget, presented in February 2023, former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had proposed to set up a Cyber Security Operation Centre at a cost of ₹20 crore, on the lines of I4C and NCIIPC. However, when the Congress came to power in the State in May 2023, a revised Budget was presented and the proposal was dropped.

Bengaluru is known as the Silicon Valley of India. It is also an emerging cyber crime hotspot, according to a 2023 report titled 'A Deep Dive into Cybercrime Trends Impacting India', by the Future Crime Research Foundation, an IIT Kanpur incubated start-up. Karnataka has among the highest number of cyber crime cases in the country. Yet, the State does not have proper infrastructure. In contrast, Maharashtra and Odisha have robust cyber security infrastructure in place.

It is time for the Karnataka government to act to protect critical data.

# Elector surge in Maharashtra and Delhi polls is par for the course

## Data show that the net addition of 39.6 lakh electors in Maharashtra in about seven months is not unusually high

DATA POINT

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The surge in the number of electors during the recent Assembly elections in Maharashtra and Delhi is not unusually high, an analysis of Election Commission data shows.

The spurt in electors in Maharashtra became a subject of controversy after the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, raised the issue at a recent press conference. In Maharashtra, between the Lok Sabha polls held on April 19, 2024, and the Assembly elections held on November 20, 2024 – a period of 215 days – there was a net addition of 39.6 lakh electors. However, between the Assembly elections on October 21, 2019, and the Lok Sabha polls in April 2024 – a period of 1,642 days – there was a net addition of only 32.2 lakh electors. "Why did the Election Commission add more voters in Maharashtra in five months than it did in five years," Mr. Gandhi asked.

**Table 1** shows the number of electors recorded across various Assembly and Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra. Data show that the net addition of 39.6 lakh electors in 215 days is not unusually high. Between the Lok Sabha polls on April 20, 2004, and the Assembly elections on October 13, 2004 – a period of 176 days – there was a net addition of 29.5 lakh electors. A similar analysis of 2009, 2014, and 2019 shows net additions of 30 lakh, 27.2 lakh, and 11.6 lakh electors, respectively.

In fact, if the increases are expressed as electors added per day, the context becomes clearer. The net addition of 39.6 lakh electors in 215 days amounts to 18,434 net electors added per day. This figure is not a far cry from the 16,782 net electors added per day in the 176 days in 2004.

**Table 2** shows similar information for elections in Delhi. Between the Lok Sabha polls on May 25, 2024, and the Assembly elections on February 5, 2025 – a period of 256 days – there was a net addition of 3.9 lakh electors. However, between the Assembly elections on February 8, 2020, and the Lok Sabha polls in May 2024 – 1,568 days – there was a net addition of only 4.16 lakh electors.

As with Maharashtra, past data for Delhi also show that such surges in electors during brief periods are not unusual. In fact, the net additions have often been much higher. For instance, between the Lok Sabha polls on May 12, 2019, and the Assembly elections on February 8, 2020 – a period of 272 days – there was a net addition of 4.7 lakh electors. Between April 2014 and February 2015, there was a net addition of 6.02 lakh electors. And between December 2013 and April 2014, in just 127 days, there was an addition of 7.7 lakh net electors.

It is intriguing that a significant number of electors were added during the brief periods between two elections, while longer gaps did not result in substantially higher additions. But the elector surge during the recent State elections in Maharashtra and Delhi, over a short period, is not a new phenomenon; it is part of a long-standing trend in these States.

**Tables 3 and 4** provide data for Jharkhand and Haryana. Departing from the trends observed in Maharashtra and Delhi, in these two States, shorter intervals between elections resulted in smaller net additions of electors, whereas longer intervals lead to significantly higher elector additions.

These contrasting patterns suggest that the effectiveness of Chief Electoral Officers assigned to these States, population demographics, and migration patterns might significantly influence voter additions. Political reasons such as welfare measures might help in higher voter registration but that requires a deeper study.

## Not far away from the trend

The data for the tables were sourced from the Election Commission of India

**Table 1:** Number of electors recorded across various Assembly and Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra

| | Year | Electors | Poll date | Elector difference | Gap in days | Voters per day |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LS | 1999 | 5,68,53,196 | Sept. 6, 1999 | | | |
| LS | 2004 | 6,30,12,208 | Apr. 20, 2004 | 61,59,012 | 1,688 | 3,649 |
| AE | 2004 | 6,59,65,792 | Oct. 13, 2004 | 29,53,584 | 176 | 16,782 |
| LS | 2009 | 7,29,54,058 | Apr. 16, 2009 | 69,88,266 | 1,646 | 4,246 |
| AE | 2009 | 7,59,68,312 | Oct. 13, 2009 | 30,14,254 | 180 | 16,746 |
| LS | 2014 | 8,07,98,823 | Apr. 10, 2014 | 4,830,511 | 1,640 | 2,945 |
| AE | 2014 | 8,35,28,310 | Oct. 15, 2014 | 27,29,487 | 188 | 14,519 |
| LS | 2019 | 8,86,76,946 | Apr. 11, 2019 | 51,48,636 | 1,639 | 3,141 |
| AE | 2019 | 8,98,38,267 | Oct. 21, 2019 | 11,61,321 | 193 | 6,017 |
| LS | 2024 | 9,30,61,760 | Apr. 19, 2024 | 32,23,493 | 1,642 | 1,963 |
| AE | 2024 | 9,70,25,119 | Nov. 20, 2024 | 39,63,359 | 215 | 18,434 |

**Table 2:** Number of electors recorded across various Assembly and Lok Sabha elections in Delhi

| | Year | Electors | Poll date | Elector difference | Gap in days | Voters per day |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LS | 1999 | 87,12,530 | Sep. 5, 1999 | | | |
| AE | 2003 | 84,48,324 | Dec. 1, 2003 | -2,64,206 | 1,548 | -171 |
| LS | 2004 | 87,63,475 | May 10, 2004 | 3,15,151 | 161 | 1,957 |
| AE | 2008 | 1,07,26,573 | Nov. 29, 2008 | 19,63,098 | 1,664 | 1,180 |
| LS | 2009 | 1,10,96,854 | May. 7, 2009 | 3,70,281 | 159 | 2,329 |
| AE | 2013 | 1,19,36,360 | Dec. 4, 2013 | 8,39,506 | 1,672 | 502 |
| LS | 2014 | 1,27,11,164 | Apr. 10, 2014 | 7,74,804 | 127 | 6,101 |
| AE | 2015 | 1,33,13,295 | Feb. 7, 2015 | 6,02,131 | 303 | 1,987 |
| LS | 2019 | 1,43,27,649 | May 12, 2019 | 10,14,354 | 1,555 | 652 |
| AE | 2020 | 1,47,97,990 | Feb. 8, 2020 | 4,70,341 | 272 | 1,729 |
| LS | 2024 | 1,52,14,638 | May 25, 2024 | 4,16,648 | 1,568 | 266 |
| AE | 2025 | 1,56,14,000 | Feb. 5, 2025 | 3,99,362 | 256 | 1,560 |

**Table 3:** Number of electors recorded across various Assembly and Lok Sabha elections in Jharkhand

| | Year | Electors | Poll date | Elector difference | Gap in days | Voters per day |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LS | 2004 | 1,68,12,339 | Apr. 20, 2004 | | | |
| AE | 2005 | 1,77,66,202 | Feb. 3, 2005 | 9,53,863 | 289 | 3,301 |
| LS | 2009 | 1,79,34,095 | Apr. 20, 2009 | 1,67,893 | 1,537 | 109 |
| AE | 2009 | 1,80,45,638 | Nov. 25, 2009 | 1,11,543 | 219 | 509 |
| LS | 2014 | 2,03,49,796 | Apr. 10, 2014 | 23,04,158 | 1,597 | 1,443 |
| AE | 2014 | 2,08,52,808 | Nov. 25, 2014 | 5,03,012 | 229 | 2,197 |
| LS | 2019 | 2,24,04,856 | Apr. 29, 2019 | 15,52,048 | 1,616 | 960 |
| AE | 2019 | 2,30,58,035 | Nov. 30 2019 | 6,53,179 | 215 | 3,038 |
| LS | 2024 | 2,58,77,892 | May 13, 2024 | 28,19,857 | 1,626 | 1,734 |
| AE | 2024 | 2,60,87,698 | Nov. 13, 2024 | 2,09,806 | 184 | 1,140 |

**Table 4:** Number of electors recorded across various Assembly and Lok Sabha elections in Haryana

| | Year | Electors | Poll date | Elector difference | Gap in days | Voters per day |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LS | 2004 | 1,23,20,557 | May 10, 2004 | | | |
| AE | 2005 | 1,27,35,888 | Feb. 3, 2005 | 4,15,331 | 269 | 1,544 |
| LS | 2009 | 1,20,87,710 | May 7, 2009 | -6,48,178 | 1,554 | -417 |
| AE | 2009 | 1,31,17,142 | Oct. 13, 2009 | 10,29,432 | 159 | 6,474 |
| LS | 2014 | 1,60,97,233 | Apr. 10, 2014 | 29,80,091 | 1,640 | 1,817 |
| AE | 2014 | 1,63,03,742 | Oct. 15, 2014 | 2,06,509 | 188 | 1,098 |
| LS | 2019 | 1,80,57,010 | May 12, 2019 | 17,53,268 | 1,670 | 1,050 |
| AE | 2019 | 1,83,86,682 | Oct. 21, 2019 | 3,29,672 | 162 | 2,035 |
| LS | 2024 | 2,01,87,911 | May 25, 2024 | 18,01,229 | 1,678 | 1,073 |
| AE | 2024 | 2,04,63,841 | Oct. 5, 2024 | 2,75,930 | 133 | 2,075 |

AE: Assembly elections
LS: Lok Sabha elections

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## India not for wooing China

New Delhi, Feb. 11: The Government of India does not seem to be too keen on engaging itself in any ping pong diplomacy when the Chinese table tennis players come to Delhi next week for playing some exhibition matches under the vigilant eyes of the political commissars chaperoning them. There is still no clear indication from the Chinese side whether it is really interested in an early thaw in Sino-Indian relations, since the Indian assessments of the possible motivations behind the latest Chinese smiles are based more on intelligent guesswork than authentic information. In spite of repeated reminders, the Chinese delegation has not yet given the names of players and others accompanying them to Delhi. All that the Indian hosts, the Table Tennis Federation of India, have been told so far is that almost immediately after the conclusion of the world championship tournament in Calcutta on February 16, most of the Chinese players will be leaving for Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. The rest of them including some officials of the delegation will arrive in Delhi on February 18 after a day's rest. The arrangements for their stay and entertainment in Delhi are being made by the Table Tennis Federation in India which maintains its contacts with the Government only through the Ministry of Education. In other words, the External Affairs Ministry is keeping out of both the organisational and hospitality parts of the Chinese team's visit to Delhi. Hence unless the Chinese functionaries accompanying the players want to make courtesy calls on Indian officials dealing with Sino-Indian relations, the External Affairs Ministry does not propose to take any initiative for having any political exchanges with them.

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## Slavery in Burma

London, Feb. 10: Commenting on Sir Harcourt Butler's journey to Naing Kwan, *The Daily Telegraph* says it may be that the sullenness with which Sir H. Butler's speech was received by the Nagas may have been mitigated by the Burmese Government's intention to grant advances enabling slaves to buy their freedom. The sum involved will not be very great, but in any case there can be no justification for the toleration of slavery in any country for which the British Government is in any degree responsible and an exception should not be made in this district.

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## Manipur crisis drags on as BJP weighs options

Mr. Singh continues as the State's caretaker Chief Minister. "The President may seek legal opinion and Article 74 of the Constitution says that the office is bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers headed by the Prime Minister. Since the PM is travelling abroad, it is not clear when the Union Cabinet will meet. The decision on President's Rule may be taken after his return," the official said.

Sambit Patra, in charge of the BJP's affairs in the northeast, held separate closed-door meetings with all Imphal-stationed legislators of the BJP and other NDA constituents for the second successive day. No consensus has been reached on Mr. Singh's successor.

Along with State BJP president A. Sharda Devi and some legislators, Mr. Patra met Mr. Bhalla in the afternoon after a meeting with Mr. Singh, indicating that the party is divided into pro- and anti-Biren Singh camps.

The Congress, meanwhile, pointed out that Tuesday (February 11) was the last day for a constitutionally-mandated sitting of the State's 60-member Assembly. It said that Article 174(1) stipulates that there cannot be more than a six-month gap between two Assembly sessions.

Amid the political drama, the Army's Nagaland-based 3 Corps chief, Lt. Gen. Abhijit S. Pendharkar visited Imphal to review the "operational preparedness of formations and units" in Manipur. The review, indicating a greater role for the armed forces in Manipur's security, coincided with the State government's appeal to citizens to stay calm and not fall prey to unverified news, rumours, or misinformation that may cause unnecessary panic or disrupt peace and harmony in the State.

## Technology won't take away work, says PM

He also brought up the issue of energy intensity of AI, in a reference to high electricity consumption by AI data centres. Green energy would need to be pursued, Mr. Modi said, pointing to the most significant Indo-French collaboration on this matter, the International Solar Alliance.

"Today India leads in AI adoption and techno-legal solutions on data privacy," Mr. Modi said, referring to the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025. "We are developing AI applications for public good. We have one of the world's largest AI talent pools. India is building its own large language model, considering our diversity. We also have a unique public-private partnership model for pooling resources like compute processing power. It is made available to our start-ups and researchers at an affordable cost."

On Tuesday, Indian and French officials conducted a hybrid policy roundtable, the second one with France. The office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the government of India said in a statement that the roundtable discussed the "need for democratised access to AI resources, and capacity-building while recognising the importance of techno-legal frameworks."

# Economy on speedy rebound, India to remain fastest growing nation: FM

Nirmala Sitharaman admits global uncertainties may impact Indian economy, but says strong foundations and Budget announcements will assist in rebound; she pushes back against claims of lower capex, claiming that outlays have gone up

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**Backing the Budget:** Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament on Tuesday. PTI

India's economy is in the midst of "a speedy rebound" after a brief moderation in the second quarter of this year, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday, asserting that the Union Budget 2025-26 has sought to address the immediate challenges facing the national economy amid "immense" global uncertainties.

Responding to the discussion on the Budget in the Lok Sabha, Ms. Sitharaman said the Budget very clearly spoke of the various means through which the Centre wants to increase the liquidity available to the people, and aims to uplift households' sentiments, spur private sector investments, and accelerate growth.

Stressing that India's economy grew by an average of about 8% in the three years prior to 2024-25, Ms. Sitharaman said: "Only in two of the last 12 quarters has the growth rate touched 5.4% or remained below it. I want to inform the members that on account of strong economic foundations, a speedy rebound is happening and we shall take measures which will, going forward, help keep our economy as the fastest growing economy as it has in the last few years."

**Rural demand**

Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE), the Minister pointed out, is expected to grow 7.3% in 2024-25, driven by rural demand. Overall, PFCE is estimated to be at 61.8% of nominal GDP, the highest level since 2002-03.

The Budget has come at a time of immense uncertainties and changes in the global macro-economic environment, when issues like persistent conflicts, stagnation in global GDP, and sticky inflation in the emerging markets also have an impact on India's budget, she said. These are "vitiating the atmosphere" for all developing economies, she noted.

While these uncertainties have weighed on the Budget-making process, the government has sought to balance national developmental priorities with fiscal imperatives, Ms. Sitharaman underlined. She also addressed some members' concerns about money being denied for capital expenditure projects.

"I heard occasionally this argument being put forward, saying, has the paradigm shifted from capital expending because that gives a greater multiplier effect to giving people, the taxpayers, some money in their hands... No, capital expenditure outlays have not come down at all. On the contrary, they have gone up," she said.

The effective capital expenditure for 2025-26 is pegged at 4.3% of GDP, which is 0.1% lower than the fiscal deficit of 4.4% of GDP, Ms. Sitharaman pointed out.

"What does it indicate? The government is using almost the entire borrowed resources for financing effective capital expenditure. The borrowings are not going for revenue or other committed expenditure... It's going only for creating capital assets," she emphasised.

## 'Union Budget has failed to provide for Viksit Bharat'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday said the Union Budget was "only for the rich people of the country", and had failed to provide any roadmap for 'Viksit Bharat'.

Participating in the discussion on the Budget in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Yadav also said that the Uttar Pradesh government had not provided the final number on how many people had died in the stampede at the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj.

He questioned the absence of drones promised for surveillance at the Maha Kumbh. "Where is 'Digital India'? They are not yet able to provide the number of the people who died or were lost," he alleged.

Claiming that a few people held the entire wealth of the nation, Mr. Yadav said "the extent of the matter is such that free ration is being distributed to 80 crore people".

# Only empty promises, no clear road map: Opposition

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Continuing the debate on the Union Budget in Parliament, MPs from the Opposition said the government had failed to resurrect India's manufacturing sector, had given inadequate allocation for health and education, and lacked a road map to deal with the challenge of artificial intelligence.

They also stated that private investments were falling despite cuts in corporate tax.

Independent Rajya Sabha member Kapil Sibal said the Budget had no vision. He pointed out that the outlay for two critical sectors "health" and "education" remained low. "Only educated India can become a developed India," he said. He exhorted the government to lay out its road map on artificial intelligence.

Mr. Sibal also asked about the preparedness of the government to meet external challenges in the wake of U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff war.

Aam Aadmi Party MP Raghav Chadha said that the Budget announcement on income tax cut was misleading. He said that it was only a tax rebate that would help a small population.

**Consumption trend**

"Only eight crore people file income tax returns, out of which only three crore actually pay tax. While we welcome the move, we have to think how many people this helps," Mr. Chadha said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, he said, had claimed that the move would help in increasing consumption, but that was not true. "As per CMIE (Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy) data, 43 crore Indians fall under the category of middle class. If the consumption has to be increased, then Goods Service Tax, which is paid by everyone, has to be slashed," he said. Mr. Chadha also slammed the government for falling standards of civic amenities in the Indian Railways at a time of exponential rise in ticket fares.

Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal asked for specific details on how the government plans to deal with the challenges of AI. SANSAD TV/PTI

Trinamool Congress MP Saket Gokhale said that private investors had lost faith in the Indian economy, despite cuts in corporate tax. "We have come to a bizarre point in our economy today, income tax paid by Indian taxpayers is higher than the tax paid by corporates," Mr. Gokhale said.

**Voters misled: RJD**

Sanjay Yadav of the Rashtriya Janata Dal accused the government of misleading Bihar voters by making tall promises for the State, without giving any specifics.

"There is a misconception that Bihar has been preferred in the Budget but the reality is that the State got nothing and the same announcements have been made since 2015," he said.

Samajwadi Party MP Javed Ali Khan criticised the Budget for "overlooking the minorities".

"The Budget or any policy document depicts the government's philosophy. In this Budget for 2025-26, minorities have been totally overlooked. With regard to welfare schemes for minorities, the programmes have been either closed or allocations have been cut," he said.

He said the allocation for pre-matric scholarships for minority groups students had a budget of ₹433 crore in 2023-24, but this time the allocation was just ₹195 crore. Similarly, the post-matric scholarship had a budget of ₹1,145 crore in 2024-25, which was now down to ₹413 crore.

Left MPs from Kerala said that the Budget was anti-Kerala as no attention had been given to the Wayanad landslide disaster despite the State government's repeated appeals for assistance.

# Trump pauses foreign bribery Act in a possible reprieve for Adani, others

**Sriram Lakshman**
WASHINGTON DC

U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday signed an executive order pausing the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) of 1977 for a period of at least 180 days, until the Attorney General completes a review of the legislation.

The move may come as a reprieve to the conglomerate Adani Group, its billionaire founder Gautam Adani and other executives, who, in November, were charged by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York in connection with an alleged bribery scheme. The law prohibits bribing of foreign governments, political parties and others to secure business.

It is unclear how Monday's order would impact any investigations into the Adani Group. While it pertains only to new investigations, enforcement actions already initiated would be subject to the new guidelines the Justice Department develops. The order says the pause can be extended beyond the initial suspension of 180 days. During this time, Attorney General Pam Bondi, a Trump loyalist, is required to cease any new FCPA investigations and review existing ones. After the new guidelines are in place, the Attorney General could institute "remedial measures" with respect to "inappropriate" investigations. Charges for violating the FCPA were central to the allegations of bribery amounting to $250 million (₹2,100 crore) that allegedly took place between 2020 and 2024. Mr. Adani, his nephew Sagar Adani and another executive Vneet S. Jaain, while not charged for violating the FCPA directly, were charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and securities fraud. Five other individuals associated with the alleged scheme were charged with conspiring to violate the FCPA. The two companies at the heart of the allegations had raised funds from U.S. investors or had traded on the New York Stock Exchange during the alleged scheme.

Mr. Trump had objected to the FCPA during his first term as well. "It's going to mean a lot more business for America," he told reporters on Monday as he signed the order.

# Congress walks out of Rajya Sabha after row on Constitution

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Congress walked out of the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday over remarks by BJP MP Radha Mohan Das Agarwal during Zero Hour that over 22 illustrations from the original Constitution were removed without Parliament's approval.

Opposition leader Mallikarjun Kharge said the BJP was trying to disrespect the drafters of the Constitution, including Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, to create a controversy. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar agreed with Mr. Agarwal and asked the government to ensure that only the original version of the Constitution is printed and circulated. Leader of the House J.P. Nadda said the Congress should have supported Mr. Agarwal.

Mr. Agarwal said the Constituent Assembly had asked artist Nandlal Bose to paint illustrations for the Constitution, including paintings of Lord Sri Ram, Lord Krishna, Lord Buddha, and Lord Mahavir. "The photos of Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Rani Lakshmi Bai were removed by these people. They could not accept the photo of Netaji Bose," he said, adding that the illustrations were removed in an unconstitutional manner.



Mallikarjun Kharge

Objecting to the statement, Mr. Kharge said, "They never raised this issue when Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhbhai Patel, and others were alive... Whatever changes were made to the Constitution were introduced by consensus. This is an attempt to create a controversy and defame Ambedkar. This is wrong."

At this point, Mr. Dhankhar said publishing the "wrong" Constitution would only be an attempt to defame Ambedkar, and he invited Mr. Nadda to speak, who agreed with the points raised by Mr. Agarwal. He said it was unfortunate that the Congress would make this a political issue. Congress members walked out after his intervention.

# Opposition calls for better treatment of illegal migrants in U.S.

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Several Opposition members in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday raised the issue of deportation of undocumented Indians and the manner in which the deportees were treated by the United States.

Last week, a U.S. military aircraft carrying 104 Indians illegally staying in the U.S. landed in Amritsar, the first such batch of Indians deported by the Donald Trump administration as part of a crackdown against illegal immigrants.

Raising the issue during the Zero Hour first, Congress MP Manish Tewari said that there are 7.25 lakh undocumented Indians in the U.S.; of them, 24,000 are in the custody of U.S. immigration authorities.

"The so-called illegal immigrants were not hardened criminals and had gone in search of livelihood. Will they be brought back in handcuffs and chains?" Mr. Tewari asked.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav raised it in his speech while discussing the Union Budget and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure that women and children come back in a civilian plane.

Speaking during the Budget discussion, Congress MP from Meghlaya's Tura constituency, Salen A. Sangma, made the point that the deported Indians had to take the risk of illegal migration and travel far because of inadequate opportunities for employment and livelihood.

# Sensex slides 1,018 points; Adani stocks hold up

**Lalatendu Mishra**
MUMBAI

India's stock markets tripped for the fifth straight day on Tuesday, as U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff pronouncements and the fear of a growing trade war continued to spook markets, with the benchmark indices BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty tumbling over 1.3%.

The shares of small and mid-cap firms took an even more severe beating, with a decline of around 3%, and the NSE Nifty Midcap index falling to its lowest level since June 4, 2024. The BSE Smallcap index slumped 3.4%.

The Sensex plunged 1,018 points to close at 76,293.6 points, a two-week low, with foreign portfolio investors exiting in hordes. While all sectoral indices ended in the red, the BSE Metal index fell 2.23%, in light of the 25% import tariffs announced by the U.S. on all steel and aluminium imports.

However, shares of several Adani Group companies, including Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports and Adani Power, gained by 1.3%, 0.34% and 1.39% respectively after Mr. Trump signed an executive order pausing the enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

The law had been invoked to initiate bribery investigations against the Adani Group firm Adani Green Energy.

**APPEAL**

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# Just not confident of HAL, says IAF chief over delivery delays

**Dinakar Peri**
BENGALURU

Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh

In sharp remarks over delays in the deliveries of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-Mk1A by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh on Tuesday said that at the moment, he was "just not confident" of HAL, which was a "very wrong" thing to happen.

HAL Chairman and Managing Director D. K. Sunil, responding to questions on the comments by the Indian Air Force chief, said the concerns over delays were well understood but were "simply not attributable to the laziness of the industry", while stating that 12 LCA-Mk1A would be ready soon.

"HAL is our company, we have all worked there. But I find that HAL is just not in mission mode," the Air chief said.

"I was promised that when I come here in February, 11 Tejas Mk1As would be ready. And not a single one is ready," he told two HAL employees while inspecting a jet trainer at the Aero India here.

A video of the comments was posted on YouTube and later went viral on X.

"The aircraft that you flew, calling it Mk1A. It is not Mk1A. It cannot happen just by change of one software or by looks. When the weapons come and the capability comes, then it's a Mk1A," Mr. Singh said.

The Air chief said he would be the happiest person if "proved wrong".

"I feel that only a few are putting in any effort. Or maybe everyone is putting in effort in their own silos without looking at the overall picture. Something has to change. Some drastic change. This needs a magic wand so everything gets aligned. It's high time," he said.

Addressing a press conference, Mr. Sunil asserted that the supply chain issue by General Electric (GE), which delayed engine deliveries, had been resolved and they would receive 12 F-404 engines for the LCA-Mk1A this year.

"GE has stabilised its manufacturing process for the F404 engines. We have already made three aircraft, and by the end of this year, 11 will be manufactured. As the engines start coming in, our delivery to the IAF will start," Mr. Sunil said.

# Rajnath tells global firms to co-develop advanced defence systems in India

India seeks global partnerships based on equality, trust, mutual respect, international law, says the Defence Minister; niche tech developed by DRDO licensed to companies to boost manufacturing

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

**Kissing the sky:** Hawk Mk-132 jets of the IAF's Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team showcase breathtaking manoeuvres on the second day of the Aero India event in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh invited the global community to co-develop and co-produce advanced systems in India as the country looks to scale up defence exports. He was addressing a conclave of Defence Ministers at Aero India, an exhibition of military aviation, on Tuesday.

At another event, 35 licensing agreements to transfer 19 niche technologies developed by 16 Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) laboratories were handed over to 32 companies, in an initiative to nurture indigenous technologies in the defence sector.

"India does not believe in transactional relationships; its approach emphasises mutual capacity building, prosperity and security of partner nations," Mr. Singh said, addressing the conclave on "Building Resilience through International Defence and Global Engagement" at Aero India.

"Our commitment extends beyond the Indian Ocean Region. It serves as a blueprint for fostering global partnerships on [the basis of] equality, trust, mutual respect, and adherence to international law."

"An increasing number of conflicts, new power plays, new methods and means of weaponisation, the growing role of non-state actors, and the emergence of disruptive technologies have made the world order more fragile. The distinction between border security and internal security is getting blurred as hybrid warfare has the ability to target critical national infrastructure even during peace time. Cyberspace and outer space are challenging the established definition of sovereignty," he said.

The Defence Ministry said that delegates had conveyed their desire for the transfer of technology, co-development, and co-production of the latest equipment and products, terming India as a partner in a resilient supply chain.

"They acknowledged India's role in peacekeeping and its efforts towards upgrading the capabilities of many countries in various fields, including defence, health and education," the Ministry said in a statement.

Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth released a revised DRDO policy aiming to further streamline the process of transferring technologies from the DRDO to industry players, the statement said.

Mr. Seth released an updated compendium, titled "DRDO Products for Export", which includes more than 200 products and systems showcasing India's cutting-edge defence capabilities to friendly nations. An Airworthiness Policy Framework (IMAP-23) was released during the event along with an Airworthiness Certification Kit.

## INBRIEF

### Civil Aviation Minister takes sortie on trainer aircraft

Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu on Tuesday took a sortie on the indigenous trainer jet Yashas at the Aero India 2025 being held in Bengaluru. The Minister took a sortie on the trainer jet manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., according to an official release. "Had the incredible opportunity to do a sortie on the HJT-36 'Yashas', a remarkable jet aircraft proudly made in India by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. This indigenous marvel is a testament to India's growing prowess in aerospace and defence manufacturing," the Minister said. PTI

### GE Aerospace signs contract with IAF for T700 engines

GE Aerospace signed a five-year Performance Based Logistics (PBL) contract with the Indian Air Force (IAF) for the Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) of the T700-GE-701D engines powering the IAF's fleet of AH-64E-I Apache helicopters. Under this contract, GE Aerospace will also be responsible for flight line parts to ensure engine availability to the IAF. The PBL solution is designed to streamline engine sustainment operations, improve turnaround times, and enhance the availability and operational readiness of the Apache fleet. "We are honoured to continue our partnership with the IAF through this PBL contract... ," said Youngje Kim, vice-president and general manager, Asia Pacific, Defense and Systems for GE Aerospace. "This agreement demonstrates GE Aerospace's focus on supporting the Indian Air Force's operational needs and mission readiness by ensuring the T700 engines are maintained at the highest level of performance," he added.

# Russia offers to partner with India for joint production of Su-57 fighter

**Hemanth C.S.**
BENGALURU

**Standing tall:** Russia's fifth generation Su-57 fighter jet on the second day of the event in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Rosoboronexport, Russia's state-owned defence exports company, a participant in the ongoing Aero India 2025, has offered to partner with India on the the Su-57, Russian fifth-generation fighter aircraft (FGFA).

"Rosoboronexport, together with United Aircraft Corporation (UAC), proposes to localise FGFA aircraft in India. This production of the FGFA at the HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) plant might take place as early as 2025. It can be provided this year itself," a representative of Rosoboronexport said on the second day of the air show. The UAC is the manufacturer of the aircraft.

The representative further said that fifth-generation technologies would be provided to India. "Additionally, Rosoboronexport offers technological development in terms of fifth generation technologies comprising engine, Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radars, optics, AI elements, software communication means, and air weapons that might also boost the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) national programme of India," the representative said.

He added that India can manufacture these critical technologies without any fear of sanctions.

**'No threat of sanctions'**

"There shall be no fears in terms of potential threat of sanctions or a decision from above that some parts or components of the aircraft won't be delivered to India," he said.

He also said that Russia offered long-term cooperation to India, including partnership in the upgrading the aircraft's capabilities.

"The Russian side proposes to continue 60 years of successful cooperation in terms of aircraft production between our countries," he said.

# Products developed in-house by service innovators catch eyeballs

**Sharath S. Srivatsa**
BENGALURU

Colonel Ashish Dogra and Lieutenant Colonel Prashanth Agrawal with the Ten AI Weapon System in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

An artificial intelligence weapon system developed in-house by Army personnel has been receiving a stream of visitors.

It is being seen as a path-breaking weapon system that has completed field trials, promises to enhance border surveillance, especially to prevent infiltration of terrorists.

The movement of terrorists in the bushy and jungle terrain in Kashmir, which is difficult to capture, can now be done through secondary vision technology. The Ten AI Weapon System (TAIWS), developed by Colonel Ashish Dogra and Lieutenant Colonel Prashanth Agrawal of EME in association with IIT Bombay and students of MIET, Jammu, has completed field trials and after certain modifications is expected to be deployed along the Line of Control.

These are products developed in-house by "service innovators" based on the need, enhance operational requirements and improve efficiency, an officer in the Army Design Bureau said.

The secondary vision technology is integrated with the medium machine gun, which has a killing range of 2 km. "The gun is already available with the Army. Even the gun can be changed if needed. The ground reality on the border spurred the development of the new system," said Col. Dogra.

Among the others being readied for induction are the 50-metre footbridge which can be laid across an water body in less than one hour. Another 9mm sub-machine gun has also been developed by a serving Indian Army officer, and about 550 guns have been inducted already.

The Army Design Bureau has filed for the registration of 75 IPRs of which 12 have been granted the IPR, officials said.

Currently, the board is funding 100 projects of which 75 are in final stages.

# 'Over 800 apps, 3,266 websites blocked due to security reasons'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah informed a parliamentary committee on Monday that 805 mobile applications and 3,266 website links have been blocked so far due to "national security" reasons.

The Minister stated that a total of 1.43 lakh first information reports (FIRs) have been registered on the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) portal, and over 19 crore people have used the website *cybercrime.gov.in*

Mr. Shah said that over 6 lakh suspicious data points have been shared through a common system linking 14C, police, banks, and other law enforcement agencies and more than 19 lakh mule bank accounts have been identified preventing suspicious transactions worth ₹2,038 crore.

A total of 399 banks and financial intermediaries are linked to the platform.

Mr. Shah was chairing a meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Home Affairs on the topic of "Cyber Security and Cyber Crime".

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Shah said that India has witnessed a "digital revolution" in the last decade. There has been an expansion of digital infrastructure, he said, which has led to a rise in the number of cyberattacks.

# Don't erase or reload the data while checking for EVM tampering, says SC

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The court had upheld the EVM system of polling while refusing a plea to revive paper ballots.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday clarified that checking and verifying the burnt memory of microcontrollers of electronic voting machines (EVMs) for signs of tampering does not envisage the erasing or reloading of data in the machines.

"Do not erase the data. Do not reload the data. All we directed was for an engineer to come and certify, in the presence of the applicant-candidates, that the microchip has not been tampered with," Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, heading a Special Bench with Justice Dipankar Datta, addressed the Election Commission, represented by senior advocate Maninder Singh.

Petitioners represented by senior advocate Devadutt Kamat and advocate Prashant Bhushan said checking or verification of EVMs was being done like a "mock poll".

In a judgment pronounced on April 26 last year, the Bench had upheld the EVM system of polling while refusing a plea to revive paper ballots.

In a separate direction, the top court had directed that the burnt memory of microcontrollers of 5% of EVMs, which includes that of control units, ballot units, and VVPATs, in every assembly segment of a parliamentary constituency can be checked and verified by a team of engineers of the EVM manufacturers in case of any suspicion of tampering.

**Written request**

The exercise would be initiated on a written request from candidates who come second or third in the victor's tally, the judgment had said. The applicants would identify the EVM to be verified or the polling station. The application for verification should be sent within seven days of the declaration of the election results.

The District Election Officer concerned, in consultation with the team of engineers, should verify the authenticity or intactness of the burnt memory of the microcontrollers of the EVMs verified, the judgment had directed.

Mr. Singh argued that the petitions were not maintainable and some of the petitioners were in the third round of litigation on the same issue.

The court listed the case in the week commencing on March 3. It asked the EC to file a short affidavit with its response on the issue raised by the petitioners.

# CBI files case against former Coast Guard Director-General

**Devesh K. Pandey**
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against the former Coast Guard Director-General K. Natarajan and unknown others for alleged tampering or alteration of the Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) or dossiers of senior officers.

The agency has invoked provisions related to criminal conspiracy, cheating and forgery and named Mr. Natarajan as an accused. Mr. Natarajan served as the 23rd D-G of Coast Guard. Hewas superannuated on December 31, 2021.

The first information report mentions that the then Inspector-General Rakesh Pal made a representation dated June 7, 2021, to the office of the Defence Secretary, raising the issue of "alleged deliberate reduction in numerical assessment of his ACRs/dossiers to deprive him of his next possible promotion" to the rank of Additional Director-General (ADG) in a Departmental Promotion Committee meet in 2019.

**Preliminary inquiry**

The CBI initiated a preliminary inquiry into the matter on April 29, 2024.

The CBI purportedly found that alterations had been made in the ACRs for 2014 and 2015.

Based on the preliminary inquiry findings, the CBI registered the case.

## INBRIEF

### YouTube blocks comedy show episode after row

Social media platform YouTube has blocked an episode of the comedy show *India's Got Latent* featuring Ranveer Allahbadia following a notice from the Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Mr. Allahbadia is facing huge public backlash for making obscene comments on the show. "The 'India Has Latent' episode on @YouTube with obscene and perverse comments by Ranveer Allahbadia has been blocked following Government of India orders," Kanchan Gupta, senior adviser to the Ministry, said in a post on X. The Mumbai Police on Tuesday visited Mr. Allahbadia's house in connection with a formal complaint regarding the contentious comments.

### Captain among 2 soldiers killed in IED blast near LoC

Two soldiers, including a Captain, were killed when an improvised explosive device (IED) planted by militants along the Line of Control (LoC) exploded in Jammu's Akhnoor sector on Tuesday, officials said. The deceased soldiers were identified as Captain K.S. Bakshi and Naik Mukesh. Official sources said a third soldier was also injured in the blast. An Army spokesperson said the blast was reported during a fence patrol. "Our troops are dominating the area and search operations are under way," the spokesperson said. The latest incident takes place a day after a suspected sniper fire hit a soldier along the LoC in Jammu's Rajouri district.

### Unnatural sex by husband not an offence: Chhattisgarh HC

The Chhattisgarh High Court (HC) has said that sexual intercourse or sexual acts by a man with his wife is not rape and therefore, if any unnatural sex as defined under Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code is committed by the husband with his wife, it too cannot treated as an offence. The court's order came on Monday on an appeal filed by a 40-year-old Bastar resident against his conviction in a case pertaining to the death of his wife in 2017. A sessions court had held that the woman became ill [and died subsequently] owing to forced physical relationship. The trial court had convicted the appellant based on a dying declaration by the wife.

### HC permits Adani Electricity to cut mangroves for project

The Bombay High Court has granted permission to Adani Electricity Mumbai Infra Ltd. (AEMIL) to cut 209 mangroves for the construction of a high voltage transmission line that is proposed to increase electricity supply in the city and suburbs, noting that it was a project of public importance. "We deem it appropriate to confer the desired permission by taking into consideration the importance of the project to the public at large," Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Bharati Dangre wrote in their order on February 6. The project covers an 80 km stretch. It consists of 30 km of overhead lines and 50 km of underground cables.

# India, 57 countries call for inclusive and sustainable AI

U.S. and U.K. have not signed the joint statement at the Paris summit; U.S. Vice-President Vance rails against 'excessive regulation' of the AI sector

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**United effort:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi with French President Emmanuel Macron at the AI Action Summit in Paris on Tuesday. AP

Fifty-eight countries, including India, China, Brazil, France, and Australia, signed a joint statement on "Inclusive and Sustainable Artificial Intelligence for People and the Planet" at the AI Action Summit in Paris on Tuesday, with more signatories possible after the summit ends.

The statement was not signed by the U.S. and the U.K. The statement calls for promoting accessibility of AI and ensuring trust and safety in deploying the technology.

India and France are co-chairing the summit. The statement calls for making "innovation in AI thrive by enabling conditions for its development and avoiding market concentration driving industrial recovery and development", and fostering the tech in a way that "positively shapes the future of work and labour markets".

This is the third such international statement, with previous ones being issued after the summits in the U.K. and South Korea. It calls for AI "to be human rights based, human-centric, ethical, safe, secure and trustworthy while also stressing the need and urgency to narrow the inequalities and assist developing countries in artificial intelligence capacity-building so they can build AI capacities".

The U.S. did not immediately explain its reasons for not signing the statement.

Earlier in the day, U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance struck a defiant tone against the themes highlighted in the statement. "I'm not here this morning to talk about AI safety, which was the title of the conference a couple of years ago," Mr. Vance said. "I'm here to talk about AI opportunity."

"...We believe that excessive regulation of the AI sector could kill a transformative industry just as it's taking off, and we'll make every effort to encourage pro-growth AI policies, and I'd like to see that deregulatory flavour making its way into a lot of the conversations at this conference," Mr. Vance said.

# Cannot monitor from Delhi, SC says on mob lynching prosecutions

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it cannot "micro-manage" criminal prosecutions of mob lynchings and violence in "different areas or different States" across the country sitting in Delhi while urging victims to approach the local courts and State authorities to comply with the top court's directions in a 2018 judgment to prevent and fairly investigate hate crimes and communal violence.

A Bench headed by Justice B.R. Gavai, hearing a petition filed by National Federation of Women, disagreed with a plea for payment of "uniform" amount of compensation to victims of mob lynchings.

Justice Gavai, in the order, reasoned that injuries would be different from case to case. Ordering uniform compensation would be unjust to the victims. Compensation should be fixed by States according to the seriousness of the injuries.

The 2018 judgment in the *Tehseen Poonawala* case had issued a series of guidelines to the States and their police forces to take steps to prevent communal violence and lynchings.

"When directions are issued by the Supreme Court, they are binding on all courts and authorities across the country under Article 141 of the Constitution. Sitting here in Delhi, we cannot monitor incidents in different areas of different States. Such a micro-management is not feasible," the court observed, disposing of the case.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said mob lynching was a separate offence under the new criminal law. Any violation, the law would take its own course.

Advocate Nizam Pasha, appearing for the petitioner, submitted the directions were being complied more in breach. Private bodies, armed with police powers, were behind mob lynchings of minority community members in the name of cow protection.

# Modi degree row: DU challenges CIC order

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Challenging a directive which would disclose Prime Minister Narendra Modi's academic record, Delhi University on Tuesday argued in the Delhi High Court that mere "interest to public" is not the same as matters of "public interest", which warrant a disclosure under the Right to Information (RTI).

The University made this submission while challenging a December 21, 2016 order of the Central Information Commission (CIC), allowing inspection of the records of all students who cleared the BA exam in 1978, the year that Mr. Modi also passed it.

"Mere curiosity that 'I want to know about it, what is your objection' cannot be an argument. The public may get interested in something but it may not be in public interest.. Is there any public interest in this matter? The answer in the facts of this case is: no," Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said, representing DU. Claiming that DU held the information in a fiduciary capacity, he said that "mere curiosity" did not entitle anyone to seek private information under the RTI law.

# 14 get perfect score in JEE-Main; five of them are from Rajasthan

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Aspirants waiting outside an exam centre in Patna for the JEE-Main 2025 exam. FILE PHOTO

Fourteen candidates from across the country have bagged perfect score in the first edition of the engineering entrance exam JEE-Main, 2025.

Five of the toppers are from Rajasthan, two from Delhi, two from Uttar Pradesh, and one each from Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Telangana, the National Testing Agency (NTA) announced on Tuesday.

Thirteen toppers are men while one is a woman. Two of the top scorers belong to the OBC and SC categories, while the rest belong to the general category. A total of 12,58,136 candidates had appeared for the exam.

"The NTA score of a candidate is not the same as percentage of marks obtained but normalised scores converted into a scale of ranging from 100 to 0 for each session of examinees," the NTA said in a statement.

While the first edition of the exam was conducted in January-February, the second edition will be held in April. Based on the results, the candidates will be shortlisted for the JEE-Advanced examination scheduled for June.

# Ahead of Magh Purnima bath, Maha Kumbh area declared 'no-vehicle zone'

**Mayank Kumar**
LUCKNOW

**Chock-a-block:** The crowded Charbagh railway station in Lucknow on Tuesday as pilgrims rush to Prayagraj. SANDEEP SAXENA

With chaos and congestion prevailing in Prayagraj as lakhs of devotees descend on the city for the Maha Kumbh, the Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday declared the entire fair area as a "no-vehicle zone" till the *Magh Purnima Snan* on Wednesday. Devotees have been directed to park their vehicles in designated zones along specific routes.

"The entire mela area has been declared a 'no-vehicle zone' starting from 4 a.m. on February 11, with entry restricted only to essential and emergency services. All private and public vehicles arriving in Prayagraj on February 11 after 4 a.m. are being directed to designated parking areas along their respective routes. This measure aims to prevent traffic congestion in the city and allow pilgrims to reach the bathing ghats conveniently on foot. Additionally, from 5 p.m. on February 11, the 'no-vehicle zone' will expand to the entire Prayagraj city. Only emergency services will be exempt from this regulation," the Uttar Pradesh government said in a statement.

Earlier, the administration accepted that the infrastructure of Prayagraj had been pushed to the limits, making delays in traffic movement inevitable. "Managing the unprecedented movement of people and vehicles is a challenge that no city, no administration, and no police force in the world has ever encountered before. The sheer scale of this spiritual gathering has pushed the infrastructure of Prayagraj beyond its maximum capacity, making delays in traffic movement inevitable not due to mismanagement, but due to the sheer volume of devotees," Uttar Pradesh Director-General of Police Prashant Kumar said.

For the *Magh Purnima Snan*, the State government has implemented comprehensive measures to ensure the safety and health of devotees.

### Angry passengers attack express train in Bihar

**PATNA**

A group of angry people trying to reach the Maha Kumbh attacked the Swatantrata Senani Express in Bihar's Madhubani railway station on Monday night, throwing stones and breaking windows as they were unable to board the train. There are no seats available in most trains to Prayagraj.

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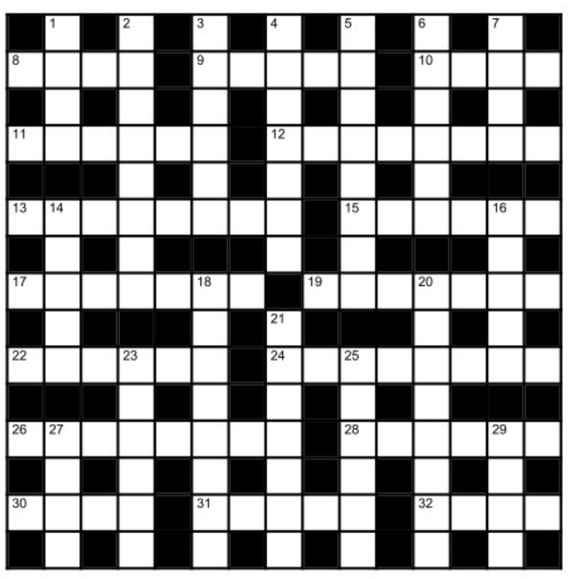

**Across**

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**13** American daughter gets choice for approval (8)
**15** Demand inclusion of little sister in Indian team at first (6)
**17** Unfriendly one accommodated in broken down hostel (7)
**19** Fish photographer (7)
**22** Shy cop may be a nutcase (6)
**24** Inform about article value (8)
**26** Winter precipitation at present between beginning of September and autumn (8)
**28** Before final word in prayer, saint produces part of flower (6)
**30** Insult leaping lemurs? Not me! (4)
**31** Criminal head gets gold for philanthropist (5)
**32** Rent to Royal Navy (4)

**Down**

**1** Bachelor at King University? Capital! (4)
**2** Woman to speak about chink in one's armour (4,4)
**3** Note about a rule in African country (6)
**4** Large amount for part of music (7)
**5** Mathematician's cross? (4,4)
**6** Husband gets answer: "Pieces for sisters' clothes" (6)
**7** Report from carrier containing nitrogen (4)
**14** Gets rid of doctor before operations (5)
**16** 10 in captivity of paramilitary organisation making guns (5)
**18** Spotted cats mauling older asp (8)
**20** Round seeds with insects for agricultural labourers? (8)
**21** Brave 6-footer follows girl student (7)
**23** Milling crowd surrounds a person without courage (6)
**25** Father's attempt to make baked dish (6)
**27** Flower mentioned in Hindustani legend (4)
**29** Lugs organs for hearing (4)

## SUDOKU

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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## FAITH

### Lessons birds teach us

Nature gives us many teachers. These teachers do not speak. They lead by example. Animals and birds are these silent teachers, said Malayaman in a discourse. If a crow dies, other crows caw to express their sorrow. A crow always shares its food with other crows. Thiruvalluvar says we must be like the crows, always sharing what we have with others. Storks wait patiently for big fish. They let the smaller fish pass. Their patience is finally rewarded when they grab a fat, juicy fish. Thiruvalluvar says that we must wait like the stork for the best time to act, and achieve our goals. Moodurai draws attention to the patience of the stork, and of how its patience is ultimately rewarded.

Birds know when to attack another bird, and when to withdraw, to avoid getting injured. Owls see well only at night. So they attack crows when darkness falls. But owls are poor-sighted during the day. And so, the crow chooses daytime to attack an owl. A koel never builds a nest. It lays its eggs in a crow's nest, and the crow guards the eggs, and even when the eggs hatch, the crow cannot tell the difference between its young ones and baby koels, because the latter are black too. Only later, when the koels make a different sound, the crow realises they are not its offspring. Crows are intelligent birds, and yet even they are fooled by the koel. The moral of the story is that even an intelligent person can be fooled. The Tamil work *Needhi Venba* draws attention to this, giving the analogy of the koel and crow.

The turkey is not an Indian bird, but there is a reference to it in Moodurai. Moodurai says that when a person who is not well-read thinks of himself as a scholar, it reminds one of a turkey trying to dance like a peacock.

## INBRIEF

### Vodafone Idea Q3 net loss narrows to ₹6,609 crore

Vodafone Idea Limited's third-quarter (Q3) net loss narrowed to ₹6,609 crore from ₹6,986 crore in the year-ago period. The telecom company's revenue from operations during the quarter increased 4% to ₹11,117 crore from ₹10,673 crore in the same period last year. Customer average revenue per user (ARPU) grew 4.7% quarter on quarter. For the quarter, it stood at ₹173 from ₹166 in Q2. Total subscriber base stood at 19.98 crore and 4G subscriber base at 12.6 crore.

### Readymade garment exports may improve in FY26: Ind-Ra

Readymade garment exports are likely to improve in 2025-2026, according to the textile sector outlook released by India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) on Tuesday. Political issues in Bangladesh and increasing U.S. tariffs on other exporting nations, will play a key role in improving India's export market share in the textile space. However, the industry needs adequate infrastructure and capacities to capitalise on the prospects, Ind-Ra added.

### Cyient DLM bags production contract from Boeing

Integrated electronics manufacturing solutions provider Cyient DLM has bagged a production contract from Boeing Global Services (BGS) for precision-machined parts and assemblies. "The contract is a significant achievement for Cyient DLM, showcasing our advanced manufacturing capabilities... look forward to strengthening this relationship by consistently delivering products that meet highest industry standards," Chief Executive Officer Anthony Montalbano said.

# 'Mobilising labour for infra-building getting tough, attrition high'

People prefer not to migrate as schemes such welfare schemes and direct benefit transfers make them reluctant to leave home, says L&T chairman

**Aloysius Xavier Lopez**
CHENNAI

Mobilisation of labour from villages and towns for infrastructure development in Indian cities is proving to be difficult as people do not want to migrate to cities for various reasons, according to Larsen and Toubro (L&T) chairman and managing director (CMD) S.N. Subrahmanyan.

Speaking at the CII Mystic South Global Linkages Summit in Chennai on Tuesday, Mr. Subrahmanyan said India had a peculiar problem: the attrition of labourers happens roughly about three to four times a year.

"This means, for employing 4,00,000 labourers, we employed 1.6 million labourers. We have a database of 4 million people with us, their names, their Jan Dhan bank account, their Aadhaar number, the village they come from, their skillsets. There is a site in the western part of the country, where I am supposed to mobilise 50,000 labourers. I need people, but they are not willing to come."

He went on to say: "[There are] various reasons, which are well known to you – the Jan Dhan bank account, the direct benefit transfers... maybe the economy is doing well, so you get jobs at the place where you are... the MNREGA scheme. So, people do not want to come all the way, say from Muzaffarabad, to Bombay to work. Because why do you want to struggle?"

**An unusual challenge:** L&T CMD S.N. Subrahmanyan speaks at the CII Mystic South Global Linkage Summit on Friday. AKHILA EASWARAN

**'Middle East pays high'**

Besides, the Middle East is booming, he said. "Our backlog there is upwards of 22 billion, and in another three months, it can be 30 billion – and that is a lot of work. This is in many parts of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, and Kuwait. Though the life of the labourers, in terms of freedom of movement and maybe going to a theatre, is difficult, they tend to save more. The salary levels are three to four times of what we pay in India," he added.

Pointing to the need for infrastructure development in developing countries such as India, Mr. Subrahmanyan said, "The nation has to grow, and infrastructure has to be built – roads and power plants. That is getting difficult to do because labourers are not available."

Stressing the need for skill training, Mr. Subrahmanyan said there was a need for flexible human policies. "We are putting some of the CSR budget into villages and towns. We are going there, celebrating Diwali, building schools, distributing equipment to ladies for sewing, coaching them and teaching them, so that an environment is created, by which they tell their menfolk that this company is good to go and work at... wherever you want to go, you go," he said.

# Stalled Enron-era plan set to take off, to aid LNG imports

**Lalatendu Mishra**
MUMBAI

An Enron-era breakwater project in the Arabian sea, stalled since 2001 when the U.S. firm exited India after liquidation, is likely to be completed next month and aid India's import of liquefied natural gas (LNG), improving its energy mix.

Konkan LNG Ltd. (KLL), a GAIL (India) subsidiary, would soon operationalise the Dabhol Breakwater project which will make the Dabhol LNG terminal facility an all-weather port.

"We are working very hard and the project is expected to be completed by March. After obtaining statutory clearances, our terminal will be an all weather port," said Tony Mathew, CEO, Konkan LNG Ltd.

Mr. Mathew was instrumental in fast-tracking the project implementation in the face of several legal challenges to stall the project located in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra.

Unlike many other breakwater systems, which are land-connected, Dabhol's is an island breakwater, making its construction far more challenging.

L&T took up project work mainly since 2022.

The Dabhol LNG terminal was originally planned as a captive unit of the LNG-run Dabhol Power Plant that was acquired by NTPC and GAIL India in 2005, from its erstwhile owners and lenders.

The LNG terminal was commissioned in 2013 and

separated in 2018 from the power plant through a demerger, and KLL became its owner in 2020.

Since the NTPC's Dabhol Power Plant is not in continuous operation due to high gas prices, the regassification capacity of the LNG terminal was reduced to 7.5 MMSCMD (million metric standard cubic meters per day) against its designed capacity of 18 MMSCMD.

The terminal will achieve 100% capacity after completion of ambient air heating system expected by December 2026. KLL would also expand the terminal's capacity from 5 million metric tonne per annum (MMTPA) to 6.3 MMTPA in the first phase at an estimated investment of ₹1,100 crore by 2030 helping KLL unload 100 LNG cargoes a year.

In phase two, the capacity would be expanded to achieve 200 cargoes per year at an estimated cost of ₹9,400 crore by 2035.

The Dabhol port of KLL will play a significant role to increase the share of natural gas in India's energy mix from 6.5% currently to 15% by 2030.

## MARKETS

### MARKET WATCH

| | TUESDAY | % CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 76,294 | -1.32 |
| US Dollar | 86.79 | 0.75 |
| Gold | 88,300 | -0.22 |
| Brent oil | 76.72 | 1.17 |

### NIFTY 50

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 2321.75 | 30.95 |
| Adani Ports | 1140.10 | -4.10 |
| Apollo Hosp | 6317.35 | -443.90 |
| Asian Paints | 2240.85 | -29.30 |
| Axis Bank | 1007.40 | -4.35 |
| Bajaj Auto | 8762.00 | -118.55 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 1744.85 | -47.55 |
| Bajaj Finance | 8191.20 | -95.60 |
| Bharat Elec | 265.05 | -8.40 |
| Bharti Airtel | 1696.75 | 3.70 |
| BPCL | 255.15 | -4.75 |
| Britannia Ind | 4904.05 | -5.60 |
| Cipla | 1453.15 | -5.70 |
| Coal India | 359.00 | -11.50 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 1209.80 | -11.15 |
| Eicher Motors | 4972.35 | -363.00 |
| Grasim Ind | 2491.45 | 18.20 |
| HCL Tech | 1723.20 | -10.65 |
| HDFC Bank | 1701.40 | -14.35 |
| HDFC Life | 618.60 | -17.10 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 4085.55 | -110.90 |
| Hindalco | 595.85 | -0.15 |
| Hind Unilever | 2315.25 | -46.20 |
| ICICI Bank | 1252.75 | -9.85 |
| IndusInd Bank | 1054.15 | -13.85 |
| Infosys | 1875.65 | -4.65 |
| ITC | 418.30 | -8.90 |
| JSW Steel | 954.50 | -4.65 |
| Kotak Bank | 1918.60 | -41.55 |
| L&T | 3239.65 | -89.00 |
| M&M | 3085.95 | -51.30 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 12724.35 | -176.40 |
| NestleIndia | 2195.50 | -25.55 |
| NTPC | 305.60 | -4.90 |
| ONGC | 238.95 | -3.50 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 261.45 | -7.25 |
| Reliance Ind | 1234.85 | -18.80 |
| SBI Life | 1419.00 | -29.20 |
| State Bank | 731.10 | -5.70 |
| Shriram Finance Ltd. | 538.55 | -22.25 |
| Sun Pharma | 1699.75 | -32.35 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 1013.80 | -13.70 |
| Tata Motors | 677.75 | -18.25 |
| Tata Steel | 130.11 | -3.93 |
| TCS | 3963.55 | -73.40 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1669.10 | -29.95 |
| Titan | 3281.80 | -45.65 |
| Trent Ltd. | 5228.35 | 31.60 |
| UltraTech Cement | 11300.20 | -232.10 |
| Wipro | 313.00 | -6.05 |

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 11

| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL |
|---|---|---|
| US Dollar | 86.63 | 86.95 |
| Euro | 89.39 | 89.72 |
| British Pound | 107.11 | 107.51 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 56.89 | 57.10 |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.85 | 11.90 |
| Swiss Franc | 94.91 | 95.26 |
| Singapore Dollar | 63.89 | 64.14 |
| Canadian Dollar | 60.42 | 60.65 |
| Malaysian Ringitt | 19.37 | 19.47 |
| Australian Dollar | 54.34 | 54.54 |

Source:Indian Bank

# Net direct tax kitty up 15% to ₹17.8 lakh crore

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

Net direct tax collection grew 14.69% to over ₹17.78 lakh crore so far this fiscal, government data showed.

As per the data released by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), mop up from net non-corporate taxes, which include mainly personal income tax, grew 21% year-on-year to about ₹9.48 lakh crore.Net corporate tax collection rose more than 6% to over ₹7.78 lakh crore between April 1, 2024 and February 10, 2025.

**Refunds up 42.6%**

Net collections from securities transaction tax jumped 65% to ₹49,201 crore. Refunds worth more than ₹4.10 lakh crore were issued during the period, a 42.63% increase against the year-ago period. Gross direct tax mop up till February 10 grew 19.06% to over ₹21.88 lakh crore.

In the revised estimates (RE) for the current fiscal, the government has pegged income tax collections at ₹12.57 lakh crore, up from the Budget estimate of ₹11.87 lakh crore.

The collection from STT is pegged at ₹55,000 crore in this fiscal in RE, higher than the Budget estimate (BE) of ₹37,000 crore.

Corporate tax collection target was revised lower to ₹9.80 lakh crore, down from Budget goal of ₹10.20 lakh crore.

In total, RE pegs direct tax mop-up at ₹22.37 lakh crore, higher than the ₹22.07 lakh crore in BE.

# CCI may buy over 100 lakh bales at MSP

**M. Soundariya Preetha**
COIMBATORE

The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is likely to buy more than 100 lakh bales of cotton at minimum support price (MSP) during the current cotton year ending on September 30.

CCI had purchased almost 88 lakh bales since the beginning of the cotton season on October 1, 2024 and would continue to be active in the market, Lalit Kumar Gupta, CMD, CCI, told *The Hindu* .

Daily arrivals used to be about 2.5 lakh bales and this had reduced to almost 1.75 lakh bales now. In Maharashtra and Gujarat, only 55%-60 % of the cotton produced had come to the market. In Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the arrivals are almost over, he said, adding out of the total arrivals, the CCI was buying almost 60,000 bales.

The committee on cotton production and consumption estimated total output this year at 300 lakh bales of which 210 lakh arrived in the market. International cotton prices improved on Monday and Tuesday and the CCI was likely to decide in a week how it would liquidate the cotton stocks with it.

# 'Digitisation doesn't mean deregulation'

**Press Trust of India**
MUMBAI

There is a "misperception" among the administration around deregulation, wherein digitisation is confused with deregulation, Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran said on Tuesday.

Speaking at an event organised by alternative investment industry's lobby grouping IVCA here, Mr. Nageswaran stressed that what is essential is to do away with needless regulations, whether they are to be complied with online or offline. "There is a misperception that the moment a government department across the country ...they put something on the digital platform, they think it is deregulation. But that is not deregulation, you just made it online rather than offline," Nageswaran said.

V. Anantha Nageswaran

"Digitisation per se is not deregulation," the CEA, whose Economic Survey presented recently focused on the need to deregulate to help expand GDP growth, added.

Any country which has attained developed status has to look at small businesses and unclogging challenges like regulations which can help ensure that such enterprises do not waste bandwidth on compliance. India has to depend on domestic economy to drive much of the growth going forward, the academic-turned-policy-maker said, explaining that globalisation is not expected to deliver gains the same way it did in the past.

The de-globalisation is part of a cyclical trend seen over a century, he said, adding that as people realise the limitations of the current model a decade from now, a new trend may emerge.

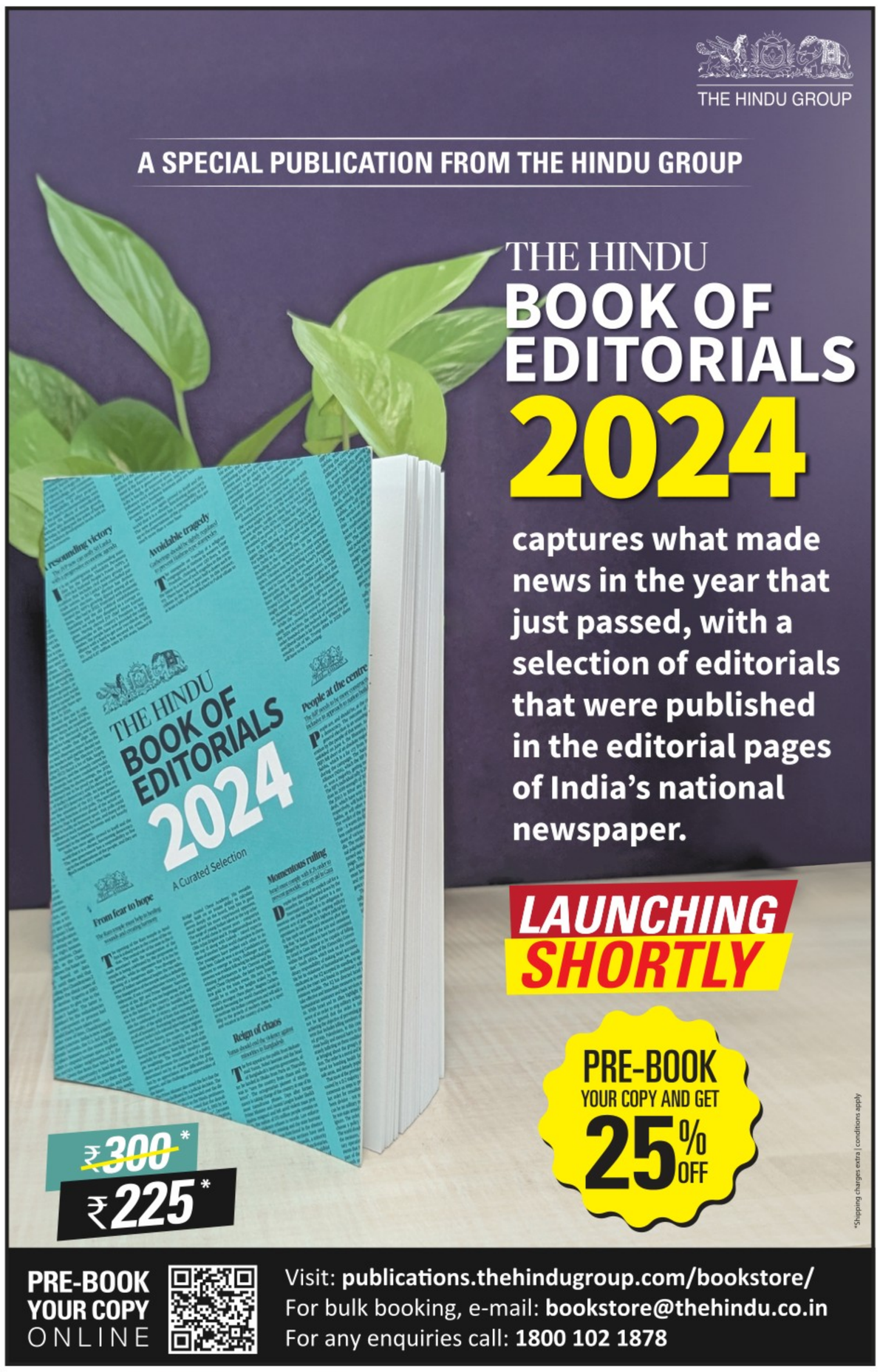
In the current cycle across the globe, inflation is likely to be more sticky than it was in the past as the ability to drive efficiencies goes down, he said.

However, if India can reduce its inflation to the 3-4% level from the 4-5 % over the last few years, it will help to contain the rupee depreciation, he said.

Mr. Nageswaran explained that over a long term, we can see that the rupee has depreciated at 3% per annum, which is the differential between the inflation rate between India and the U.S.

He also said that India cannot sacrifice energy security as energy transition to greener sources assumes greater focus, and added that we should be pragmatic and not make green energy into a "religion" as some countries in Europe have done.

The CEA also said that nuclear energy has to play a much important role in energy transition.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**CAIRO**

## Sisi calls for Gaza reconstruction without 'displacing Palestinians'

REUTERS

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi urged on Tuesday the reconstruction of Gaza "without displacing Palestinians". During a phone call with Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, Mr. Sisi "stressed the necessity of reconstruction of the Gaza Strip...without displacing Palestinians", said a statement from his office. AFP

**SEOUL**

## North Korea has given Russia 200 long-range artillery pieces: Seoul

AP

North Korea has given Russia 200 long-range artillery pieces, a South Korean Defence Ministry official said on Tuesday, as Moscow and Pyongyang deepen their military ties. The North has given Moscow "11,000 troops, missiles, 200 pieces of long-range artillery and a substantial amount of ammunition," the official said. AFP

**ISLAMABAD**

## 5 killed and 7 injured in a suicide bombing in northern Afghanistan

REUTERS

A suicide bomber blew himself up near a bank in northern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing at least five people and wounding seven others, police said. The attack happened near a branch of the Kabul Bank in Kunduz province, said Jumauddin Khaksar, a police spokesman. The dead included a guard at the bank. AP

**GOMA**

## At least 55 civilians killed by militia fighters in northeastern Congo

REUTERS

Militia fighters killed at least 55 civilians in an attack on a cluster of villages and a camp for displaced people in northeastern Congo, local authorities said on Tuesday. Armed men from the CODECO militia attacked the Djaiba group of villages in the province of Ituri Monday night, Antoinnette Nzale, the leader of the camp said. AP

# Gaza truce under strain after Trump's warning

U.S. President said 'hell' would break out if Hamas failed to release all Israeli hostages by the weekend; the group says the 'language of threat has no value and further complicates matters'

**Agence France-Presse**
GAZA CITY

The Gaza ceasefire appeared increasingly fragile on Tuesday after Hamas said U.S. President Donald Trump's latest warning "further complicates" the agreement with Israel, which has so far led to five hostage-prisoner swaps.

Mr. Trump said that "all hell" would break out if Hamas failed to release all Israeli hostages by the weekend. The truce, in place since January 19, largely halted more than 15 months of fighting in Gaza but has come under strain in recent days.

International efforts to salvage it intensified, with Jordan's King Abdullah II expected to raise the issue during his meeting with Mr. Trump in Washington later on Tuesday.

Senior Hamas leader Sami Abu Zuhri said, "Trump must remember that there is a pact that must be respected and this is the only way to return the prisoners [hostages]. The language of threats has no value and further complicates matters."

**War's aftermath:** Rubbles of the northern Gaza Strip as seen from Israeli side of the border in southern Israel on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

### Will end ceasefire if hostages not returned: Israel

**JERUSALEM**

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday said Israel would resume "intense fighting" in Gaza if Hamas did not return hostages by Saturday noon, without specifying whether he was referring to all captives.

"If Hamas does not return our hostages by Saturday noon, the ceasefire will end, and the IDF [Israeli military] will resume intense fighting until Hamas is decisively defeated," Prime Minister Netanyahu said in a statement issued after a meeting with his security cabinet.

# Maldives to finalise free trade pact with India soon, says Minister Saeed

**Meera Srinivasan**
COLOMBO

The Maldives will soon finalise a trade pact with India, a senior Maldivian Minister has said, barely two weeks after New Delhi appeared to caution the island nation over possible "revenue loss" from similar deals inked with other countries, including China.

According to Maldivian media, Minister of Economic Development and Trade Mohamed Saeed confirmed the move Monday night in an interview to a local television channel. Mr. Saeed had said President Mohamed Muizzu – during his state visit to India in October 2024 – and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had "expressed keen interest" in signing the Free Trade Agreement. Official sources based in capital Male, who are familiar with the developments, told *The Hindu* that bilateral negotiations on the FTA are scheduled to begin soon.

Mohamed Saeed

Mr. Muizzu is focused on securing trade agreements with major global markets, ensuring that such arrangements benefit Maldivians, Mr. Saeed noted, pointing to the preferential trade agreement signed with Turkiye in November 2024 and the FTA with China that came into effect on January 1, 2025. "Most of the aquatic products" originating in the Maldives exported to China will enjoy zero tariff treatment, China's Ministry of Commerce said following the signing of the agreement.

### 'Revenue loss'

Mr. Saeed's announcement assumes significance, coming soon after New Delhi's rare comment on a neighbour's trade partnership choices. Addressing the weekly media briefing of the Ministry of External Affairs on January 31, 2025, spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said: "Recent agreements that are likely to result in revenue loss for the Maldives government are obviously a matter of concern and do not bode well for the long-term fiscal stability of the country."

While he didn't name the two countries, he flagged possible implication to India's Maldives policy and noted: "We would, obviously, need to take that into account while framing our own policies."

Meanwhile, Mr. Saeed said in his television interview that such trade pacts would help the Maldives boost its exports and become less reliant on imports.

The Indian Ocean archipelago is currently negotiating a foreign currency crisis amid low foreign reserves and high public debt. In its October 2024 update, the World Bank said the Maldives faces "heightened external and fiscal vulnerabilities" that require urgent implementation of comprehensive economic reforms.

# Ukraine 'may be Russian' someday, says Donald Trump

**Agence France-Presse**
KYIV

U.S. President Donald Trump floated the idea that Ukraine "may be Russian someday", as his Vice President J.D. Vance gears up to meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy later this week.

Pushing for an end to the nearly three-year war with Russia, Mr. Trump discussed the conflict in an interview with broadcaster Fox News that aired Monday.

"They may make a deal, they may not make a deal. They may be Russian someday, or they may not be Russian someday," he said.

Mr. Trump also emphasised reaping a return on investment with U.S. aid to Ukraine, suggesting a trade for Kyiv's natural resources, such as rare minerals.

"We are going to have all this money in there, and I say I want it back. And I told them that I want the equivalent, like $500 billion worth of rare earth," Mr. Trump said. "And they have essentially agreed to do that, so at least we don't feel stupid."

Donald Trump

### Wants to be Russia

The Kremlin said on Tuesday that a "significant part" of Ukraine "wants to be Russia," hours after Mr. Trump floated the idea that Ukraine "may be Russian someday."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the situation in Ukraine "largely corresponds to President Trump's words."

# Bangladesh's BNP condemns unrest after protesters smash buildings

**Agence France-Presse**
DHAKA

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has spoken out publicly for the first time against the interim government after a surge of unrest and a sweeping security crackdown.

Police have arrested more than 1,500 people nationwide since Saturday as part of 'Operation Devil Hunt', targeting groups allegedly connected to ousted premier Sheikh Hasina, who was toppled in a student-led revolution in August.

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, BNP secretary-general, met interim leader Mohammed Yunus late on Monday to "raise concerns over the incidents that have swept across the country".

Protesters smashed buildings connected to Ms. Hasina's family using excavators – including a museum to her late father, Bangladesh's first President – on February 5, six months to the day since she fled as crowds stormed her palace in Dhaka.

Police stood by as protesters torched the building.

"It all happened in front of law enforcement agencies, so the government cannot avoid its responsibility," Mr. Alamgir said.

# Rushdie testifies in court against man charged with stabbing him

**Associated Press**
MAYVILLE

Author Salman Rushdie took the stand in a New York courtroom Tuesday to testify against the man charged with stabbing him in a frenzied knife attack.

"I only saw him at the last minute," Mr. Rushdie said. "I was aware of someone wearing black clothes, or dark clothes and a black face mask. I was very struck by his eyes, which were dark and seemed very ferocious to me."

Salman Rushdie

Hadi Matar, 27, is charged with attempted murder and assault for attacking Mr. Rushdie as he was preparing to give a speech in August 2022, stabbing him more than a dozen times. Matar has pleaded not guilty.

"I thought he was hitting me with his fist but I saw a large quantity of blood pouring onto my clothes," Mr. Rushdie testified.

The 77-year-old author was blinded in one eye in the attack and spent months recovering, a process he detailed in a memoir released last year.

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MAJOR SETBACK

## Bumrah out of Champions Trophy; Harshit, Varun added to squad

FILE PHOTO: K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Jasprit Bumrah has been ruled out of the Champions Trophy due to a lower back injury. **The squad:** Rohit (Capt.), Gill (Vice-capt.), Kohli, Shreyas, Rahul (wk), Pant (wk), Hardik, Axar, Washington, Kuldeep, Harshit, Shami, Arshdeep, Jadeja and Varun; **Non-travelling substitutes:** Jaiswal, Siraj and Dube.

MAXIMUM IMPACT

## Gayle calls Rohit the 'new king in town' after losing sixes record

K.R. DEEPAK

Chris Gayle, known for his big-hitting ability, called India captain Rohit Sharma the "new king in town" after the latter (338) broke the Jamaican's record (331) for most number of sixes in the ODI format. "Sports always need a new entertainer and Rohit has been entertaining all these years. He is the new king in town," said Gayle.

SOLID SUPPORT

## Kohli is still the best player regardless of form: Gayle

K.R. DEEPAK

Virat Kohli may have been going through a poor run of form but the senior India batter remains the "best player in the world," feels former West Indian opener Chris Gayle. "He is still the best player in the world regardless of the form. The stats prove that, how many centuries across formats he has scored," Gayle said.

BIG PICTURE

## Even a 0-3 loss in the ODI series won't hurt if we win CT: Duckett

REUTERS

England opener Ben Duckett said on Tuesday even a 3-0 ODI series loss in India will not affect the team's morale as it is focused on winning the Champions Trophy. "We have come here for one thing and that is to win the Champions Trophy. We still believe we can do that. It'll be completely different conditions," said Duckett.

# Final chance for England to break free against cavalier Team India

The Men in Blue, who have done well in the limited-overs series, would look to cover all bases as a Bumrah-less Champions Trophy looms

ENGLAND IN INDIA

**N. Sudarshan**
AHMEDABAD

In early January, Indian cricket was in doldrums. The Test team had just lost its second straight series (1-3 away to Australia after 0-3 to New Zealand at home); its premier batters were woefully out of form and its best bowlers had ominous-sounding fitness concerns.

But just over five weeks since then, across seven limited-overs internationals and a smattering of domestic cricket matches, those despondent times seem too far long in the past.

Late on Tuesday, ace pacer Jasprit Bumrah was ruled out of next week's ICC Champions Trophy in Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates. Yet, it is not all gloomy. India beat England 4-1 in the T20Is and holds a 2-0 lead going into Wednesday's third and final ODI at the Narendra Modi Stadium here.

Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill are back among the runs and speed merchant Mohammed Shami is fully fit. If Virat Kohli regains his touch, the turnaround will be complete.

With the series in the bag, it remains to be seen if head coach Gautam Gambhir and skipper Rohit Sharma choose to give game time to those who have got none this series - Arshdeep Singh, Rishabh Pant and Washington Sundar. But what augurs well is the fact that whenever they have tried to mix it up, they have hit bull's eye.

The addition of Varun Chakaravarthy has lent a cutting-edge to an already potent spin-bowling line-up featuring Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav.

The variety on offer has stifled England, which despite choosing to bat first in both games, has found run-making hard.

### Trust in Harshit

Harshit Rana, who has been zeroed in as Bumrah's replacement, has had a crazy two and a half months, having made his debut in all three formats. Though profligate, the think-tank appears to trust his wicket-taking ability, an invaluable skill that Bumrah's absence has robbed the team of.

**Cutting-edge:** The addition of Varun has further boosted the Indian spin-bowling line-up. K.R. DEEPAK

For England, this will be the last chance to tick a few boxes if it hopes to do well in the Champions Trophy and avoid a repeat of the ICC World Cup in 2023 when it finished seventh in the 10-team competition.

In the two matches so far, its bowling has been largely one-dimensional - express pace with negligible variations. The otherwise explosive batting unit has made middling totals - by modern-day batting standards - and Jos Buttler has only been able to marvel at the free-spiritedness with which the Men in Blue have batted.

That style was once patented by England, and something its current all-format coach Brendon McCullum swears by. And to reproduce it, the side has to find answers to India's middle-overs riddles.

So well-rounded is the Indian bowling front - despite Bumrah's absence - that one can barely ease off. It's the kind of challenge not many sides present and if Buttler & Co. can serve it up hot on what is expected to be a warm and sunny day, it will be the best possible preparation ahead of the Champions Trophy opener against Australia.

**The teams (from): India:** Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Shubman Gill (Vice-capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, K.L. Rahul (wk), Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Mohammed Shami, Arshdeep Singh and Varun Chakaravarthy.

**England:** Jos Buttler (Capt.), Harry Brook (Vice-capt.), Phil Salt (wk), Joe Root, Ben Duckett, Liam Livingstone, Adil Rashid, Saqib Mahmood, Jofra Archer, Jacob Bethell, Brydon Carse and Tom Banton.

**Match officials: Umpires:** Sharfuddoula Saikat & Virender Sharma; **Third umpire:** Chris Brown; **Match referee:** Javagal Srinath.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m.

## Selfless Rohit hits his way out of trouble

**N. Sudarshan**
AHMEDABAD

Rohit... on the go. K.R. DEEPAK

Self-advocacy is an essential trait in elite sportspersons. When there is a downturn in form, when the critical press sharpens its pens and fans question their stars' worth, it is this quality that's the beleaguered athlete's best friend.

Over the course of the last two months, Rohit Sharma has passionately defended himself amidst nosediving fortunes and a barrage of criticism. And in Cuttack against England on Sunday, he backed up his words with action, scoring a splendid century (119, 90b, 12x4, 7x6), his 32nd in ODIs.

"When people have played for a number of years and scored runs, that means something," Rohit told bcci.tv, basking in the glory of his match-winning hundred, but in a rather understated manner.

"I have played for a long time now and I know what is required of me. It was about doing the things I have done [in the past], and try and bat the way I do. I have been here long enough. One or two knocks will not change my mind. It was just another day in the office."

The innings from Rohit was typically selfless. He didn't tone down his attacks and unflinchingly – and successfully – executed the same shots that have led to his downfall in the recent past.

"When you go to bed every day, if you feel that you have given your best, that is what matters," Rohit said. "Every time I walk in, I want to do well. Sometimes it happens, sometimes it may not. As long as I am clear in what I have to do, nothing else matters.

"When you have scored so many runs, you have done something right. You just need to get back to that mindset. Sounds very simple, but it is difficult. In my mind, it was just about enjoying and that is what we play the sport for - to enjoy the game more than anything else."

# Chanda surprises herself with stunning two-lap show; Ishaque and Vaidehi clinch tennis gold

NATIONAL GAMES

**Stan Rayan**
DEHRADUN

K.M. Chanda looked at the giant screen a few times, unable to believe her gold-winning time of 2:00.82s in the women's 800m in the National Games athletics competition at the Ganga Stadium here on Tuesday.

"I was not expecting that at all," the Asian Championship silver medallist told *The Hindu* after her stunning season-opener that bettered her own three-year-old Games record and her personal best (previous 2:01.16s).

Delhi's Chanda, who is coached by Olympian O.P. Jaisha in Bengaluru, had picked up plenty of lessons while watching the Paris Olympics and tried using them here.

"I noticed that athletes were running the opening lap in 58, 59 seconds and going all out in the last 150m and I tried to do that," said Chanda who played a waiting game, shadowing race leader Amandeep Kaur for a major part of the two-lapper, before breaking away just before the penultimate corner. She collapsed in exhaustion after crossing the finish line.

**Champions:** Ishaque and Vaidehi ruled the roost. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Meanwhile, National record-holder Praveen Chithravel (17.37m) led a Tamil Nadu 1-2 in the men's triple jump with Mohammed Salahuddin. Praveen's gold came with a fourth-round effort of 16.50m.

"I didn't expect anything here, for the start of the season this is good," said Praveen, who trains at JSW's IIS centre at Ballari.

Asian Games silver medallist Mohammed Afsal worked his way from the back of the pack to win the men's 800m while Asian silver medallist Jyothi Yarraji made sure everybody noticed her stylish hairdo as she cruised to the women's 200m gold to add to the 100m hurdles title she had won earlier.

Odisha's Animesh Kujur completed a 100-200m double and now has three golds, including one in the sprint relay.

The race walk saw the first six bettering the Games record in the men's 20km event with Services' Servin Sebastian beating Paris Olympian Suraj Panwar for the gold. The women walkers were only offered a 10km event, and all the nine finishers bettered the Games record.

Chanda... sensational run. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Services' Ishaque Eqbal capped a fine run and won the tennis men's singles title at the Parade Ground Stadium.

The unseeded 27-year-old from Kolkata jolted Gujarat's top-seeded Dev Javia 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(5) in the final.

Gujarat's Vaidehi Chaudhari took the women's title with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Maharashtra's second seed Vaishnavi Adkar to finish with a double.

**The results:**

**Men: 200m:** 1. Animesh Kujur (Odi) 20.58s, 2. Ragul Kumar (TN) 21.06, 3. B. Nithin (TN) 21.07. **800m:** 1. Mohammed Afsal (Ser) 1:49.13s, 2. Anu Kumar (Utk) 1:49.19, 3. Prakash Gagade (Ser) 1:49.58. **Triple jump:** 1. Praveen Chithravel (TN) 16.50m, 2. Mohammed Salahuddin (TN) 16.01, 3. Mohammed Muhassin (Ker) 15.57. **Hammer throw:** 1. Taranveer Singh (Ser) 66.64m, 2. Damneet Singh (Pun) 64.71, 3. Praveen Kumar (Raj) 64.42. **20km race walk:** 1. Servin Sebastian (Ser) 1:21.23s MR, OR Gurmeet Singh's 1:23.26, 2011; 2. Suraj Panwar (Utk) 1:21.34 BR; 3. Amanjot Singh (Pun) 1:21.42. **Women: 200m:** 1. Jyothi Yarraji (AP) 23.35s, 2. Unnathi Aiyappa (Kar) 23.70, 3. Nithya Gandhe (Tel) 23.76. **800m:** 1. K.M. Chanda (Del) 2:00.82s MR, OR own 2:01.58 2022; 2. Twinkle Chaudhary (Pun) 2:03.46, 3. Amandeep Kaur (Pun) 2:04.76. **10km walk:** 1. Ravina (Har) 45.52.00s MR, OR Baladevi's 51:56.00s 1999; 2. Shalini (Utk) 46:12.00, 3. Munita Prajapati (UP) 46:23.00. **Heptathlon:** 1. Agasara Nandini (Tel) 5601 prts, 2. Pooja (Har) 4999, 3. S. Deepika (TN) 4939.

**Tennis: Finals: Men:** Ishaque Eqbal (Ser) bt Dev Javia (Guj) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(5).

**Doubles:** Prajwal Dev & Niki Poonacha (Kar) bt Ishaque Eqbal & Faisal Qamat (Ser) 6-3, 6-1.

**Women:** Vaidehi Chaudhari (Guj) bt Vaishnavi Adkar (Mah) 6-4, 6-4.

**Doubles:** Vaidehi Chaudhari & Zeel Desai (Guj) bt Pooja Ingale & Akansha Nitture (Mah) 6-3, 6-2.

**Mixed doubles:** Lohith Aksha Bathrinath & L. Arunkumar (TN) bt Niki Poonacha & Soha Sadiq (Kar) 6-4, 6-1.

# The inspirational stories need to be told: Somaya

**Sports Bureau**

Hockey legend M.M. Somaya stressed the importance of honouring athletes for their year-round achievements ahead of the seventh annual *Sportstar* Aces Awards.

"These stories are inspirational and need to be told. Winning an Olympic medal is truly outstanding," he said.

Somaya, who had won a gold medal with the Indian team at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, is part of the elite jury panel for the honours, which also features Sunil Gavaskar, Abhinav Bindra, Viswanathan Anand, Anjali Bhagwat, and Aparna Popat.

"The nature of this jury is that we are very open in our decision-making and thought process. We are also open to decisions being overruled in case they need to be," the 65-year-old said.

"Earlier we used to say international achievements are the benchmark with which we pick winners, right? Now every single person has something happening internationally... everyone's training abroad, climbing higher levels of competition. I think various factors are taken into account, but in the end, very little to choose between nominees."

Gavaskar.

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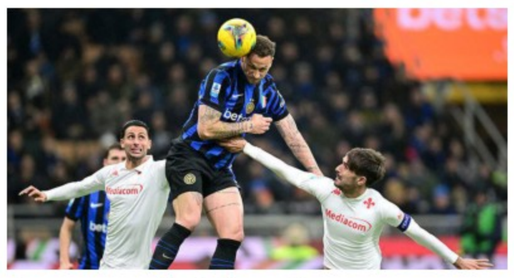
Indian cricket legend Gavaskar attributes the narrowing gap to greater exposure to multiple disciplines in mainstream media.

"You have to credit magazines like *Sportstar* and newspapers like *The Hindu* who cover sports extensively. There was a time when sports pages were dominated by cricket at any level.

"Television has made a difference because now a lot of people who probably wouldn't have seen other sports can experience newer disciplines and understand the difficulties and the pleasure of participating in those sports," said the 75-year-old.

The 2025 *Sportstar* Aces Awards will be held in Mumbai on Friday (February 14).

## INBRIEF



### Arnautovic's header puts Inter Milan in second place

Marko Arnautovic's first league goal of the season gave Inter Milan a 2-1 win over Fiorentina and lifted it back into second in Serie A on Monday. The win was revenge for Fiorentina's 3-0 win in last week's rescheduled league game and moved Inter to within one point of leader Napoli.

**The results: Serie A:** Inter Milan 2 (Pongracic 28-og, Arnautovic 52) bt Fiorentina 1 (Mandragora 44-pen).
**On Sunday:** Venezia 0 lost to Roma 1 (Dybala 57-pen); Lazio 5 (Marusic 31, Pedro 57, 77, Castellanos 63, Dele-Bashiru 88) bt Monza 1 (Sensi 86); Cagliari 2 (Vogliacco 57-og, Coman 70) bt Parma 1 (Leoni 78); Lecce 0 drew with Bologna 0.
**LaLiga:** Mallorca 1 (Muriqi-pen 81) drew with Osasuna 1 (Boyomo 90+4)

### Karnataka in a spot of bother against Punjab

Karnataka landed in trouble on the second day of its C.K. Nayudu (under-23) Trophy quarterfinal against Punjab at Mohali on Tuesday. Rahul Kumar's 122 pushed Punjab to 380. Karnataka came a cropper with the bat, falling to 172 for nine.

**The scores:** Punjab 380 in 118.1 overs (Jaskaranvir Paul 61, S. Uday 75, Salil Arora 52, Rahul Kumar 122, Yashovardhan Parantap 3/56, Paras Gurbax 3/63) vs Karnataka 172/9 in 60 overs (Macneil Hadley Noronha 78, Aneeshwar Gautam 35, K.P. Karthikeya 26, D. Aryaman 3/52, Harjas Singh 3/31).

### Tiger Woods pulls out of Torrey Pines tournament

Golf superstar Tiger Woods said on Monday he was "just not ready" as he announced he will not play in this week's Genesis Invitational at Torrey Pines as planned. Woods had committed to his first professional tournament in seven months in the Genesis. His decision to play came just days after he had announced that his mother, Kultida, had passed away last week. "I planned to tee it up this week, but I'm just not ready," the American said in a statement on social media.

### Ronaldo reaches deal with Al Nassr to extend contract

Cristiano Ronaldo has reached an agreement with Al Nassr to extend his contract until June 2026, an official with the club said on Monday. The sides have agreed on the renewable extension of contract, "but it has not been signed yet".

### US Open revamps mixed doubles format

The US Open is moving its mixed doubles championship to the week before the tournament begins, hoping a revamped format and $1 million prize will persuade top singles players to chase a Grand Slam doubles title. This year's event will feature 16 teams competing over two days in shorter matches. Tournament organisers believe that can attract the sport's biggest stars, many of whom have long passed on doubles to keep themselves fresh for singles.

**LIVE TELECAST**

**Ranji Trophy**: Quarterfinals, JioCinema, 9.30 a.m.
**Sri Lanka vs Australia**: 1st ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.30 a.m.
**India vs England**: 3rd ODI, Star Sports 2 & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.
**Tri-series**: 3rd ODI, Pakistan vs South Africa, FanCode, 2.30 p.m.
**I-League**: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
**ISL**: Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 7.30 p.m.
**Champions League**: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11.15 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)
**Premier League**: SS Select 2 & Hotstar, 1 a.m. (Thursday)

# Rampant Vidarbha runs through Tamil Nadu, marches into semifinals

The host wins by 198 runs after setting the visitor a target of 401; Rathod scores a brilliant century before the bowling line-up delivers big-time

**RANJI TROPHY**

**S. Dipak Ragav**
NAGPUR

Vidarbha entered the knockout stages of the Ranji Trophy as the best among the eight teams (40 points), having dominated the group stages with six wins out of seven games.

Over the last four days, the two-time champion lived up to its billing after producing a clinical performance to thrash Tamil Nadu by 198 runs on the penultimate day of the quarterfinal encounter at the VCA ground here on Tuesday.

Vidarbha – resuming the day at 169 for five and 297 runs in the green – was bowled out for 272, riding on Yash Rathod's brilliant century (112, 213b, 11x4) to set the visitor a target of 401.

**Game-changing:** The Vidarbha team is cock-a-hoop after Karun runs out Sai Sudharsan with a superb throw from square-leg. R.V. MOORTHY

**Purple patch**

Rathod continued his purple patch by slamming his fourth ton of the season and, alongside Harsh Dubey (64), forged a crucial 120-run alliance for the sixth wicket to almost bat TN out of the game.

Like in the first innings, the TN batters came a cropper against quality pace bowling again, losing five wickets in the second session after pacer Nachiket Bhutte (10-1-19-3) scythed through the brittle batting line-up.

Aditya Thakare first had opener Mohamed Ali caught in the cordon, poking away from his body.

To make things worse, TN pressed the self-destruct button when B. Sai Sudharsan was run out at the non-striker's end while attempting a needless double thanks to a brilliant direct hit by Karun Nair from square-leg.

In the next over, Bhutte struck twice in three deliveries, trapping N. Jagadeesan and M. Boopathi Vaishna Kumar leg-before with deliveries that came in sharply.

The pacer then delivered the knockout punch, removing Vijay Shankar, caught behind, to leave TN shell-shocked at 45 for five.

Pradosh Ranjan Paul (53) and R. Sonu Yadav (57) scored valiant half-centuries but could only delay the inevitable.

**Close out the game**

Left-arm spinner Dubey, who had scored two half-centuries in this game, scalped the last three wickets and closed out the game in style to set-up a semifinal clash against reigning champion Mumbai.

**The scores:**
**Vidarbha — 1st innings:** 353.
**Tamil Nadu — 1st innings:** 225.
**Vidarbha — 2nd innings:** Atharva Taide c Boopathi b Sonu Yadav 19, Dhruv Shorey b Sai Kishore 20, Danish Malewar c & b Sai Kishore 0, Karun Nair c Boopathi b Vijay Shankar 29, Yash Rathod c Andre Siddarth b Mohammed 112, Akshay Wadkar b Ajith Ram 8, Harsh Dubey c Mohamed Ali b Sai Kishore 64, Nachiket Bhute c Vijay Shankar b Sai Kishore 6, Aditya Thakare c Jagadeesan b Sai Kishore 0, Akshay Wakhare lbw b Ajith Ram 0, Yash Thakur (not out) 4; Extras (b-5, lb-2, nb-1, w-2): 10; Total (in 92.3 overs): 272.
**Fall of wickets:** 1-35, 2-40, 3-61, 4-99, 5-114, 6-234, 7-244, 8-248, 9-249.
**Tamil Nadu bowling:** Mohammed 18.3-5-53-1, Sonu Yadav 11-2-32-1, Sai Kishore 26-4-78-5, Vijay Shankar 13-1-33-1, Ajith Ram 13-0-33-2, Mohamed Ali 8-0-27-0, Pradosh 3-0-9-0.
**Tamil Nadu — 2nd innings:** Mohamed Ali c Malewar b Thakare 10, N. Jagadeesan lbw b Bhute 18, B. Sai Sudharsan run out 2, Vijay Shankar c Wadkar b Bhute 5, M. Boopathi Vaishna Kumar lbw b Bhute 0, Pradosh Ranjan Paul c Taide b Wakhare 53, C. Andre Siddarth run out 15, R. Sonu Yadav b Dubey 57, R. Sai Kishore st. Wadkar b Dubey 13, M. Mohammed c Malewar b Dubey 12, S. Ajith Ram (not out) 11; Extras (b-4, lb-2): 6; Total (in 61.1 overs): 202.
**Fall of wickets:** 1-25, 2-31, 3-32, 4-32, 5-45, 6-83, 7-125, 8-148, 9-191.
**Vidarbha bowling:** Yash Thakur 8-1-37-0, Thakare 12-4-20-1, Bhute 10-1-19-3, Wakhare 18-2-80-1, Dubey 13.1-2-40-3.

**RANJI TROPHY QUARTERFINALS - DAY 4**

**At Nagpur**: Vidarbha 353 in 121.1 overs & 272 in 92.3 overs (Yash Rathod 112, Harsh Dubey 64, R. Sai Kishore 5/78) bt Tamil Nadu 225 in 64.3 overs & 202 in 61.1 overs (Pradosh Ranjan Paul 53, Sonu Yadav 57).

**At Pune:** J&K 280 in 95.1 overs & 399/9 decl. in 100.2 overs (Paras Dogra 132, Kanhaiya Wadhawan 64, Sahil Lotra 59, M.D. Nidheesh 4/89) vs. Kerala 281 in 85 overs & 100/2 in 36 overs.

**At Kolkata:** Mumbai 315 in 88.2 overs & 339 in 85.3 overs (Siddhesh Lad 43, Ajinkya Rahane 108, Suryakumar Yadav 70, Shivam Dube 48, Anuj Thakral 4/70) bt Haryana 301 in 84.5 overs & 201 in 57.3 overs (Lakshay Dalal 64, Sumit Kumar 62, Royston Dias 5/39).

**At Rajkot:** Saurashtra 216 in 72.1 overs & 197 in 62.1 overs (Harvik Desai 54, Priyajitsinh Jadeja 4/32) lost to Gujarat 511 in 159.1 overs.

*Vidarbha will meet Mumbai in the semifinal at Nagpur from February 17 to 21. Gujarat will take on the winner of the J&K-Kerala match.*

**Top performer:** Jackson bids adieu to the game after scoring 7283 runs in 106 First Class matches. FILE PHOTO: PTI

# Domestic heavyweight Jackson calls time on glittering career

**Vivek Krishnan**
RAJKOT

Beyond the immediate despondency of defeat for Saurashtra in the Ranji Trophy quarterfinal against Gujarat at the Niranjan Shah Stadium on Tuesday, there was a whirlwind of emotions for Sheldon Jackson to experience as he called time on his nearly two-decade professional career. Moments after Saurashtra bowed out of the tournament, the 38-year-old middle-order batter had a tear or two rolling down while posing for photos on the outfield with his teammates as his mother, wife and two kids watched.

He bids adieu to the game after scoring 7283 runs in 106 First Class matches at an average of 45.80, including 21 centuries and 39 fifties. He had announced his retirement from the white-ball game in January. The domestic stalwart was an integral part of Saurashtra winning the Ranji Trophy twice, in 2019-20 and 2022-23. He also won the Vijay Hazare Trophy – the domestic 50-over tournament – twice, once as a rookie in 2007-08 and then as a senior pro in the 2022-23 season. In the 2019-20 Ranji triumph, he was Saurashtra's leading run-getter. When the team won the Vijay Hazare title a second time, he scored an unbeaten ton in the final.

"I made up my mind about retiring before the season began. It is never an easy call to stop something that has been a major part of your life," Jackson told *The Hindu* on Tuesday. "The reason was I knew I had crossed my prime, in terms of age and performance. I was no longer in the picture for Duleep Trophy or Irani Cup. My motivation before the season was to play 100 First Class matches."

He picked the two Ranji titles as his proudest moments. "You ultimately play to win. Why do we always talk about the great Mumbai players? Because of the number of Ranji titles they have won. So, for a domestic cricketer, nothing can beat winning the Ranji Trophy".

# Love for the game and respect for Test cricket keep Rahane going

**Sahil Mathur**
KOLKATA

Ajinkya Rahane expressed his desire to be part of the Indian Test team and said the fire and hunger to play the sport is still there after leading Mumbai into the Ranji Trophy semifinals, beating Haryana at the Eden Gardens here on Tuesday.

Rahane scored his 41st First-Class century to give his side a 353-run lead, which eventually was good enough to keep Mumbai's pursuit of a successive red-ball title and a domestic treble intact.

"I am batting well. I did well in (Syed) Mushtaq Ali; and the previous game (vs Meghalaya). I am happy about it. My job is to keep contributing. Domestic cricket has given me everything. That's why I still have that passion; love for the game is still there, and respect for Test cricket," Rahane said after the match.

**Going great guns:** Rahane has had a memorable domestic season thus far. PTI

The 36-year-old has had a memorable domestic season thus far. After scoring the most runs during the T20 tournament, he has now amassed 437 in the red-ball format, sending a reminder about his capabilities.

"I don't know what will happen in the future, but there's cricket left in me. I am giving my full effort in domestic cricket.

"Whatever is supposed to happen, will happen; you can't stop it. My job is to keep my attitude right and play," he said.

> Domestic cricket has given me everything. That's why I still have that passion

Mumbai hasn't had a perfect season: it lost two games in the group stage and suffered several batting collapses. When quizzed about how he handles individuals and whether the experience of being an Indian captain has helped, Rahane said: "You always need to be involved as a captain; understand each player's mentality and keep your mind open. It doesn't matter at what level. My job is how well I manage players here, give them confidence, and bring the best out of the team."

# Sonam edges National champion Ananya to top women's air rifle

**SHOOTING**

**Sports Bureau**
NEW DELHI

World Cup Final silver medallist, Sonam Maskar asserted her class yet again as she topped the women's air rifle event with a score of 253.2, beating the national champion Ananya Naidu by 1.3 points, in the National shooting trials on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old Sonam had earlier topped qualification with 633.9.

Arya Borse placed third ahead of former World No. 1, Olympian Elavenil Valarivan, who shot the second best qualification score of 632.6. Sanjeeta Das, Rajshree Sancheti, Olympian Ayonika Paul and Hitexa Parmar were the others to make the final.

**Podium finish:** Ananya Naidu, topper Sonam Maskar and Arya Borse . SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

World Championship silver medallist Mehuli Ghosh shot 629.8 and missed the final by half point, the same as Shriyanka Sadangi. Asian Games medallist Ramita Jindal also missed the final by 0.6 point.

In men's 25-metre rapid fire pistol, Olympian Anish Bhanwala was brilliant, shooting 590 in qualification.

Incidentally, the qualification scores play a significant part in the selection of the shooters for the national team. Anish had won the first trial after qualifying with 581.

Neeraj Kumar who had qualified with a modest score of 579, was unstoppable in the final and beat Anish 34-31 for the first place. Olympian Vijayveer Sidhu placed third ahead of Bhavesh Shekhawat, Omkar Singh and Raajwardan Patil.

**The results:**
**10m air rifle: Women:** 1. Sonam Maskar 253.2 (633.9); 2. Ananya Naidu 251.9 (632.1); 3. Arya Borse 229.8 (632.3).
**25m rapid fire pistol: Men:** 1. Neeraj Kumar 34 (579); 2. Anish Bhanwala 31 (590); 3. Vijayveer Sidhu 27 (580).

# *Cricket takes a leap into the unknown with half a billion pounds*

BETWEEN WICKETS
**Suresh Menon**

England might be struggling against India on the field of play, but Indians with deep pockets and an abiding, almost cliched interest in the game are set to revive English cricket. Owners of IPL teams and IT billionaires are pumping close to half a billion pounds into the domestic game, allowing counties to pay off long-standing debts, focus on cricket development at various levels and attend to infrastructural needs.

This is a good thing. Sport needs money to thrive, to attract more youngsters and fans, to endure as an important element of our culture. What may not be as good is the possible hastening of the end of international cricket as we know it, the blow to Test cricket, and the possible handing over of the game to moneyed men and women who will demand their pound of flesh.

That the vehicle for the bonanza is the silliest format of the game, The Hundred, with its 10-ball sets and umpires waving white cards, is only of passing significance.

The new owners of the eight franchises, from Mumbai Indians to Sunrisers Hyderabad might decide to convert it to the more popular T20 format. That, of course depends on what television thinks is the more profitable (a call to be taken in 2028 when the current contract runs out). The chances of The Hundred spreading to other countries where IPL owners have their teams, like South Africa, are not so bright.

For all the criticism it has received in its 16 years, the IPL has revived cricket in many countries, either directly by buying franchises there or by inspiring similar leagues, as in Australia.

Yet – and this is the paradox – what is good for individual countries may not necessarily be good for the game itself.

England's windfall will allow the game to thrive at different levels, but the running of the game, with traditional administrators on one side and the newbie franchise owners on the other, will be tricky. There's power and there's responsibility. You can't have one without the other.

The sport will find itself in an impossible situation if all the power is in the hands of the franchise owners and all the responsibility is vested with the national governing bodies or the International Cricket Council. A sensible compromise will have to be worked out.

Players too will, in effect, end up serving two masters even if they have the permission from one to serve the other! A player contracted to an IPL team with worldwide interests and earning thrice or four times what his cricket board pays, could get caught in the powerplay. Currently, the Board of Control for Cricket in India does not allow Indians to participate in other leagues, arguing it will dilute the IPL. Players have to be preserved for international cricket too, something the BCCI is aware of.

For the private owners, cricket is a business and profit is the bottom line. Cricket boards have to look beyond that to the development of the game itself. The club versus country debate is set to intensify.

In time, there might be temptation to reduce or indeed do away with red-ball cricket because it may not be commercially worthwhile.

The recent series India played in Australia and series among the 'Big Three', England being the other team, are the biggest draws in the game regardless of the colour of the ball. The ICC is reportedly working on a two-tier format for Test cricket to ensure all matches are competitive and draw large audiences.

There is nothing inherently unsatisfactory about the shorter formats subsiding the longest. But for that to happen, non-financial power and non-financial responsibility will have to remain with the administrators.

Businessmen will have their demands (exclusive dates in the calendar, perhaps, prioritising franchise cricket over international competition, influencing the national boards in other not-so-subtle ways); they have appeared on the English domestic scene like some heroes on their white steeds to rescue a game in distress. Yorkshire said they were just a couple of months from bankruptcy. One county secretary has spoken about the desperation in counting the toilet rolls.

India's largesse will receive gratitude, maybe even resentment from some quarters. Cricket is going through interesting times, the future arriving faster than predicted.

Gangjee... among the leaders.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

# Three in joint lead after opening round at PGTI event

**Sports Bureau**
KOLKATA

Rahil Gangjee, Yuvraj Sandhu and Arjun Sharma fired an identical seven-under 63 to share the lead after the first round of the season-opening Professional Golf Tour of India, the TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship, on the Tollygunge Club course here on Tuesday.

A shot adrift, S.S.P. Chawrasia was joint fourth with Karandeep Kochhar and Ankur Chadha.

Defending champion Manu Gandas shot a 69 to be tied-45th.

S. Chikkarangappa made a hole-in-one on the sixth hole during his round of par 70. He was placed tied-65th.

**The scores (first round):**
63-Rahil Gangjee, Yuvraj Sandhu, Arjun Sharma; 64-Ankur Chadha, S.S.P. Chawrasia, Karandeep Kochhar; 65-Shankar Das, Honey Baisoya, Milind Soni, Jamal Hossain, Saptak Talwar.

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# Mukund shifts gears in the nick of time, enters round 2

The Davis Cupper gets the better of France's Wayenburg; Ramkumar goes down to Svrcina; Sweden's Ymer defeats Moller of Denmark; Vacherot downs Vesely for the loss of five games

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**Kamesh Srinivasan**
NEW DELHI

**Winning start:** Mukund stayed focused to turn the match around in his favour. KAMESH SRINIVASAN

After a hesitant start when he had lost the first set, and had dropped serve in the first game of the second, Davis Cupper S. Mukund bounced back strongly to outwit lucky-loser Sascha Wayenburg of France 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 in the first round of the Dafanews $100,000 Delhi Open Challenger tennis tournament at the DLTA Complex on Tuesday.

Mukund had played his part well on the centre court during the recent Davis Cup tie against Togo. Even though the balls used were different this time, the 28-year-old got into his rhythm and showed considerable quickness of feet and sharpness of execution, not to forget the intensity of focus, in turning the fortunes around against a crafty opponent who had an explosive serve.

In the pre-quarterfinals, Mukund, who was ranked a career-best 229 in 2019, will play Michael Geerts of Belgium.

Ramkumar Ramanathan gave glimpses of his craft that had seen him reach a career best rank of 111, but got trapped in the dialogue with the umpire following a series of bad calls from his perspective, and lost his way against the energetic Dalibor Svrcina.

Ramkumar played a strong all-court game to win the second set 6-2, after losing the first 2-6, but slithered to defeat thereafter as he failed to win a game in the decider.

Ramkumar will get to focus on his doubles game, in partnership with Karan Singh.

In another lively singles match, Elias Ymer of Sweden outplayed fifth seed Elmer Moller of Denmark for the loss of four games.

The towering Valentin Vacherot, who had won the Challenger last year in Pune, warmed up for the tougher challenges ahead, by beating former World No. 35, qualifier Jiri Vesely of the Czechia for the loss of five games.

**The results (first round):** Vit Kopriva (Cze) bt Corentin Denolly (Fra) 6-3, 6-4.

Dalibor Svrcina (Cze) bt Ramkumar Ramanathan 6-2, 2-6, 6-0.

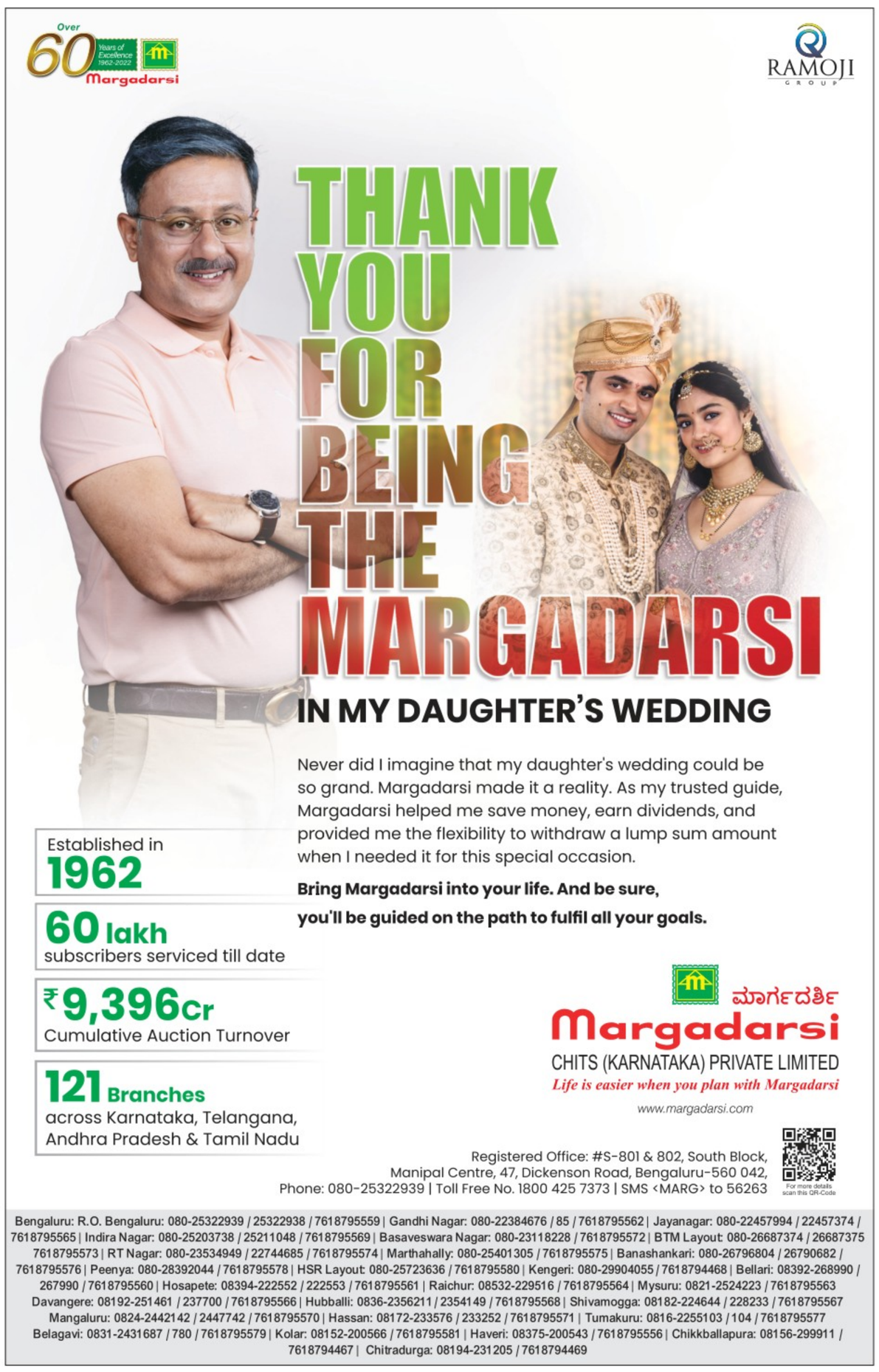
Hynek Barton (Cze) bt Rio Noguchi (Jpn) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Shintaro Mochizuki (Jpn) bt August Holmgren (Den) 6-3, 7-5.

S. Mukund bt Sascha Wayenburg (Fra) 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; Jay Clarke (GBR) bt Masamichi Imamura (Jpn) 6-1, 6-4; Kyrian Jacquet (Fra) bt Sho Shimabukuro (Jpn) 6-1, 6-2; Andre Ilagan (USA) bt Marek Gengel (Cze) 6-2, 6-2; Valentin Vacherot (Mon) bt Jiri Vesely (Cze) 6-1, 6-4.

Tristan Schoolkate (Aus) bt Ergi Kirkin (Tur) 6-0, 7-6(10); Elias Ymer (Swe) bt Elmer Moller (Den) 6-3, 6-1.

Egor Agafonov bt Oleksandr Ovcharenko (Ukr) 6-3, 6-0; James McCabe (Aus) bt Enrico Dalla Valle (Ita) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Billy Harris (GBR) bt Eric Vanshelboim (Ukr) 6-1, 6-4.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